

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 6th September 2020, 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Children's Group via zoom led by Anna Stainer annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com
usual link as per email. Do join in and feel able to invite others

10.30am Morning Worship via zoom (join from 10.20)
Theme: 'Renewing the Vision' 1 Peter 2:4 -10 and Matthew 28: 16 - end
Usual link each week with password – see email

5.00pm Evening Service in Chancel and on zoom led by Chris Strain

THIS WEEK AND OTHER NEWS

Pastoral Team meeting this Tuesday 8th September at 2.00pm - Venue to be confirmed

Tea in Vicarage garden this Tuesday 8th September 3.30pm

Do come along to the Vicarage garden or car port for a chat/tea on Tuesday, weather permitting. We shall create small groups and continue to physically distance etc.

Wednesdays

Morning Prayer at 9.20 for 9.30am

Link as usual for services- on email with passcode

Virtual Coffee Morning at 10am

Link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84989145321?pwd=eXBDYU9JKzJxa29peW5LUUnpBMEhVUT09> ID: 849 8914 5321 Password: 027346

Limited opening of Church Building for private prayer

Open Tuesday 10am – 12 noon and Friday 2.00 – 4.00pm We still desperately need people to host so that we can keep the church open. It is enjoyable and a peaceful time. Contact Virginia or Glenda if you can offer two hours.

Join a Connect Group this Autumn

Connects Groups are a great way to get to know others and learn and grow in faith in a small group. Connect Groups are currently unable to meet up in homes, several groups are meeting via zoom. Please speak with Chris of the churchwardens if you would like to join a group.

From the National Advice on Holy Communion at home

We recognise a real desire of many for some physical engagement during the online celebration of Holy Communion. In some cases, participants in online services have consumed bread and wine in their own homes during the service. Whilst we recognize that this practice may have spiritual value for some, participants should not be encouraged to believe that any bread and wine brought before screens during online Holy Communion has been 'remotely consecrated'. However, we commend the questions raised by this practice for further theological reflection

Congratulations to:

Harrison and Rose Mutton on the occasion of their Baptism on Saturday 5th September

September to October Worship

The PCC will be discussing our worship services at its meeting tomorrow. We shall be considering having a morning service in the church building which could also be by zoom from the end of the month. Pray for wisdom as we move forwards.

Sermons this Autumn

On 13th September we shall start a series on The Church as a community as below. The readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles. There is much we can learn for today from the life of the early Christians, not least in these challenging times.

of the Lord Jesus Christ 2:22-41

of The Holy Spirit 2:1-4,14-21

of Health and Salvation 3:11-26

of Belonging and Sharing 2:42-47, 4:32-36

of Gospel Proclamation 4:1-12

of Prayer and Worship 4:21-31

of Opposition and suffering 5:12-32, 7:all

of Ministry and service 6:1-7

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: CAF Bank Limited Sort code 40-52-40 Account St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC No. 00008836.** You can also send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- **The PCC Meeting tomorrow, 7th September.** Pray for wisdom and guidance as agenda items are discussed and decisions made for the weeks and months ahead. Pray for Chris, Glenda and Virginia our churchwardens, our Licensed Lay Readers, Lay Worship Leaders and all who lead us.
- **Our Children, Young people and Anna Stainer (our Children's and Families Minister) as the new term starts.** Pray for Anna as she plans for the new term and manages groups during these challenging times. Pray also for Anna and Ben as they prepare for their wedding at the end of the month.
- **The work of Open Doors:** For an end to the war in Syria and for God's sovereignty to stop the virus spreading uncontrollably. Only one in ten hospitals remain. Now, 80 percent of Syria's people exist below the poverty line. Many churches have had to close. Pray that church workers will find new ways to spread the Word of God. Pray protection over the elderly, the sick and displaced. Give thanks that the Centre of Hope in Latakia is now reopening providing some education for children and young people. May the Lord work through His people to provide for their needs.
- **Pray for our worship week by week:** For God to be praised, his word listened to and followed, for prayer to bring change, for people to be encouraged, community built, lives changed and faith to grow!

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, John Wartnaby, Louise Samways' father Glen, Mary Exton, Angie Threadgold, Ruth Greig, Joy Dale, Craig Giles (brother of Nick), Margaret B-J and Ralph Gatrell (both friends of Frank and Pauline Westfield), Paul Yeandle and all the family following the death of Paul's wife, Sally on 30th August.

Special Prayer for the 13th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*