

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 1st November 2020 All Saints

10.30am All Age Worship in Church and via zoom - 'Light in the darkness' (join from 10.20)

1 John 1: 5-7 and John 1: 1 - 9

Leader: Chris Strain Preacher: Anna Counsell

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

Please do feel able to take a candle home with you in memory of loved ones to light during our Memorial Service

5.00pm Memorial Service in the Chancel and on zoom when we give thanks for those whom we love and who have passed away. Everyone is welcome but unfortunately this year we are unable to provide tea.

Worship over the next two weeks

- ✚ Wednesday worship is at 9.30am by zoom (*usual link*)
- ✚ Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 9.00am in the Chapel followed by a bubble chat 9.30 to 9.50am
- ✚ Remembrance Sunday 8th November 10.30am - the service will include an Act of Remembrance
5.00pm - Holy Communion in Church and on zoom
- ✚ Sunday 15th November 10.30am – Preacher: Andrew Cullis
Theme: 'The Church – A community of suffering'

Personal Prayer / Pastoral Care

At this time, we are aware that many people are finding life very hard and struggling with many issues. If you would appreciate personal prayer for yourself or have a prayer concern, please contact Linda Jones, Ruth Greig or Chris Strain in the first instance. We would be pleased to pray on the phone, arrange a visit if possible, by someone who can come out, circulate the need on the e-network and / or include your name on the newsheet for two or three weeks (all depending on what people would find appropriate and helpful). Do please let us know if we can be praying for you or help in anyway. In addition, may we all be praying and caring for one another as the days go by. Thank you.

Tea at the Vicarage – this Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November 3.30– 4.30pm

Up to four people are welcome to the Vicarage for tea on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. To come you must Contact Chris in advance (only 4 permitted), wear a mask except when seated and socially distance 2 metres. We shall have a window open a little and use plastic chairs. Wrap up warm. If this works well, we may repeat subject to regulations permitting. Do consider how else we might connect well with one another at this time. Thanks. Chris

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

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe box appeal

Pick up a leaflet with information about how to fill a shoe box for a child this Christmas. You can also download your own leaflet at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ Please bring your filled shoe box to **St Luke's Church** by the **9th November**. Contact: Julie Murphy at julie.a.murphy@btinternet.com

Wednesday Virtual Coffee Morning at 10am – everyone is welcome

This will now follow straight on from the 9.30am Wednesday Worship so the link will be the same as that used for all services.

Winter Clothing Project

Is run by The URC for the homeless and rough sleepers in the Parkstone area. They would be grateful for good condition donations of scarfs, hats, coats, jumpers or socks for MEN. To remain Covid safe donations can be left in the driveway of Liz Howes, 5 Earlham Drive. Thank you. Contact: jwghowes@gmail.com

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:

- ✚ Healing and hope for those in our local community who grieve; that they will be surrounded by God's compassion and receive words and acts of comfort and love.
- ✚ The work of the Friends International – Supporting international students in the UK: equipping church and volunteers to serve, minister and engage providing opportunities for students to hear about the Christian faith. Pray especially at this difficult time for students who are isolated in their residences, or back home far from their course mates.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, John Wartnaby, Mary Exton, Ruth Greig, Joy Dale (now at home), Craig Giles, Margaret B-J (friend of the Westfields), Chris Gould, Dorothy Cawthorne (sister of Val Wilson), Peter Lockwood, Bobby Matthews, Ken Lloyds (husband of Margaret), David Lynes (brother of Tim).

Special Prayer for All Saints Day: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen