

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 15th November 2020 **3rd before Advent**

- 9.30am** **Children's Group via zoom** *led by Anna Counsell.*
"Joseph - Dreams come true" *Please bring paper, felt tips, glue, string or ribbon and scissors*
Link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4197596873?pwd=MINoTFNqZlIWNnFDZTJmTHZORnV2Zz09>
Meeting ID: 419 759 6873 Password: 1ffwp annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com 07919621343
- 10.30am** **Holy Communion via zoom** *(join from 10.20)*
Acts 5: 12-42 'The Church – A community of suffering'
Leader: Chris Strain Preacher: Andrew Cullis
- 5.00pm** **Praise and Prayer via zoom**
Usual link each week for both services with password – see email or the website (just click)

Worship and Events over the next two weeks

- ✚ **Private Prayer in Church/Chapel 9am - 10am** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- ✚ **Wednesday worship is at 9.30am** by zoom *(usual link)*
- ✚ **Sunday 22nd 10.30am** – Preacher: Charles Burgess from CPAS 'A Community of Good News to share'
- ✚ **Sunday 29th 10.30am** - Preacher: Chris Strain 'The Church – Community of Ministry and service'

Update on Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection

Thank you to all those who have already filled shoe boxes, knitted hats and given donations. The date for collection has been extended, due to lock down and Julie will now collect shoe boxes from St Luke's Church on **Friday 11th December**. Hopefully this will give more time once lock down is lifted to drop them off at the Church. Alternatively, you can fill a shoe box online. This is a good alternative this year. Go to <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Contact Julie at: julie.a.murphy@btinternet.com.

Christmas gift for the Poole Domestic Abuse Centre

Families First/Mothers Union are giving boxes of biscuits to the Refuge this Christmas. Any donations of £5 towards one box, would be appreciated and can be left at the Church office or put through Anne Roberts door 25 Wellington Road or Virginia's (28 Pine Ave). Any cash must be in a marked envelope. Any cheques would need to be made payable to Virginia. Virginia has paid for 18 boxes so it is financial donations that are needed and not biscuits this is to ensure that all recipients have the same item. Many thanks, The MU Committee

How can we as church continue to help our community at this time?

It is helpful and best to think of the church as the whole people of God rather than as a church congregation to be organised – this is both more theologically accurate and liberating. Thank you for the personal responsibility each person is taking to care for family, friends, church members and the wider community. Can I encourage us to consider how we might continue to care. One way is to look out for neighbours, another is to phone those on their own to listen and offer support, a third is to join up with what the NHS and Borough are already doing (rather than creating another organisation). May I commend this request from our BCP Borough - "Can you provide support? Our **"Together We Can"** helpline is up and running and available to support those who are unable to leave their homes. But we need more volunteers! Can you support those in need in the area? If you can help please register with our partner CAN." Click here for electronic link => [Please register with our partner](#) And what other ways might you and I care in Lockdown 2? Chris

Praying for the Nation and World during Lockdown

The Church of England have produced some excellent prayers and resources for the next four weeks. Please click on the link and join with thousands of others in prayer at this time. [CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRAYERS DURING THE LOCKDOWN](#)

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 Earlam 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers: *Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pray for the work of Open Doors: Supporting the persecuted church worldwide; giving Bibles, training church leaders, providing resources and strengthening our suffering church family.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, John Wartnaby, Mary Exton, 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, Angie Threadgold, Ken Lloyds (husband of Margaret), David Lynes (brother of Tim), Daphne Reeves, Jean Northover (mother of Linda Metcalfe and Christine Gilbert), the Norris family following the death of Rebecca's mother in Sri Lanka.

Special Prayer for the 3rd Sunday before Advent: *Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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: 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

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