

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

St. Luke's Day Sunday 18th October 2020, 19th after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion in Church and via zoom (*join from 10.20*)

Children's Groups start today (please sign up in advance)

Theme: 'A Community of Preaching and Teaching' Acts 4:1-12

Usual link each week with password – see email

5.00pm Praise & Repentance in Chancel and on zoom led by Justin Coldstream

THIS WEEK AND OTHER NEWS

Sundays over the next few weeks

We will continue our theme on the Community of God's people.

- Children's Groups start today. Contact Anna Counsell to sign your child up for a group annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com
- Sunday 1st November, **Memorial Service at 5pm in the Chancel** when we give thanks for those whom we love and who have passed away.
- Sunday 8th November will include an Act of Remembrance
- The **Evening service** is at **5pm in the Chancel** and by zoom, **Wednesday worship** is at **9.30am** by zoom (*usual link*) and Morning Prayer is in church on **Thursdays at 9.30am** .

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.

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

Please consider taking part in this wonderful project to send small gifts in a shoe box to children who may otherwise have little or nothing at Christmas time. This is a very practical way of sharing God's love with children who will be delighted by your gifts. Leaflets are available at the back of the church with information about how to fill the box together with the label to attach. If you are not at Church you can download your own leaflet and find out more information at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ Please bring your filled box to **St Luke's Church** by the **9th November**. More information from 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.

Poole Wau Prayer Meeting this Monday 19th October via zoom

If you would like to join the meeting please email Sue Walkden for the link suebwalk@gmail.com

Your New PCC

Following the Annual Meeting on 12th October the following are now serving on the PCC:

Clergy and Churchwardens – Revd Chris Strain, Glenda Hammond and Virginia Stacey

Honorary Treasurer – Steve Blight

Deanery Synod and PCC – Richard Hudson, Brian Finch and Glenda Hammond

LLMs - John Pattison and Justin Coldstream

PCC – Claire Storey, Geoff Sherwood, Martin Holst, Andy Roberts, Kate Giles, Sue Walkden, Carole Schouten,

Claire Burgess, Anne Roberts, Janine Newman and Roger Jones (Electoral Roll Officer).

In attendance: Christine Gilbert (PCC Secretary) and Anna Counsell (Children's and Families Minister)

Routes to Roots –volunteers still in needed

To help provide hot food for the needy from next week. If you are interested please contact Andy Mason at andy.mason@routestoroots.org. Also funds are still needed to complete the refurbishment of the interior of Hill Street Baptist Church, go to www.routestoroots.org/charity/ .

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for St. Luke's Day: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Give thanks and pray for:

- Chris and Maggie, our churchwardens, PCC, LLMs, LWLs, LPAs, Pastoral Team and all those who lead
- Our Children's groups - as they start back today; for wisdom and safety as groups are managed. Pray for Anna Counsell our Children's and Families Minister, all leaders and helpers; for a time of fun, learning, growing in faith and for God's protection.
- Our beautiful church building, the Fabric Team and for all those who care for the grounds and the building.
- The work of Christian Aid - with the ongoing insurgency in North Eastern Nigeria and the Covid 19 pandemic, please pray for the protection of Christian Aid staff implementing projects there. Pray for Nigeria and its leadership and for a solution to the global pandemic; for the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank currently taking place. Pray for the successful impact of the Jubilee Debt Campaign and that the UK government would use their influence to encourage the cancellation of the debt of developing countries.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, John Wartnaby, Mary Exton, Angie Threadgold, Ruth Greig, Joy Dale, Craig Giles, Margaret B-J and Ralph Gatrell (friends of Westfields), Chris Gould, Dorothy Cawthorne (sister of Val Wilson), Peter Lockwood, Bobby Matthews, Penny Hawes and family as they prepare for Tony's funeral on Thursday.

Special Prayer for the 19th Sunday after Trinity: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen