

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 27th September 2020 16th Sunday after Trinity

We are pleased to be able to open our lovely church building for worship together.
May God bless you as you seek His hope and comfort

9.30am No Group

10.30am Holy Communion in Church and via zoom *(join from 10.20)*
Theme: 'A Community of Health and Salvation and Watching out for unexpected opportunities' – Acts 3: 1-10 & John 5: 16-23
Usual link each week with password – see email

5.00pm Evening Service in Chancel and on zoom

THIS WEEK AND OTHER NEWS

Sundays over the next few weeks

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

- **All Age Harvest Thanks Giving Service next Sunday 4th October** led by Maggie and Glenda. This year any financial gifts will go to the Foodbank. Also tinned and boxed gifts will be gratefully received and transported a few days after the 4th October.
- We are having two baptisms on **11th October**
- Younger Children's groups could start on **18th October** if we can manage the complexity. **Pathfinders** start on **11th October**, hopefully and will be fortnightly.
- We will continue with: **Evening services at 5pm in the Chancel** and by zoom, **Wednesdays at 9.30am** by zoom (*usual link*) and Morning Prayer will resume in church on **Thursday at 9.30am from 1st October**.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Meeting of Parishioners

Please take notice that this will take place on **Monday 12th October from 7.30 – 8.30pm** by ZOOM (*usual link*). The Annual Report and summary of our Accounts were circulated six months ago. We shall have the normal brief presentations. We need to elect our churchwardens, 3 Deanery Synod members for 3 years, 3 PCC members for 3 years and 1 PCC member for 2 years. Some nominations have already been received but others are welcome. It would be great to see some younger people joining the PCC. For a nomination form please contact the Office.

Morning Prayer, Holy Communion Services and Letter from the Vicar

These are attached to the email from the office and also should come to you in paper form by post or hand delivery. Let us know if you have not received an envelope.

Wednesday Virtual Coffee Morning at 10am – everyone is welcome

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84989145321?pwd=eXBDbU9JKzJxa29peW5LUnpBMEhVUT09> ID: 849 8914 5321 Password: 027346

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

Connect Groups

Now is the time to join a Connect Group by zoom for friendship, Bible study, prayer and support. Do speak with Chris to know more. Most groups are using the "Jesus the Game-Changer course.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Offer

The church's insurance company, Ecclesiastical Insurance is still offering £130 to St. Luke's for each new policy taken out by church members. So, if you are looking for home or other insurance please contact Steve more details.

New NHS Track and Trace App

Do consider downloading this. Go to <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>

Congratulations to:

Anna Stainer and Ben Counsell following their marriage yesterday, 26th September.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Our Church Building as we open the doors for our first morning service in 6 months. We pray God's blessing on all those who enter the building and those joining via zoom; that they will know God's peace and love. Pray for Chris and all who lead us at St. Luke's; for safety and good health as the building is opened up and for wisdom and guidance in managing the church building, making it a safe and peaceful place to visit.
- Our Government; for wisdom for our Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Cabinet and senior civil servants as they decide how best to halt the spread of coronavirus in the UK while also protecting jobs.
- Wisdom and support for governments of developing nations who are not able to provide safety nets to their people because of lack of resources and fragile infrastructures. Pray for God's protection for people living in refugee camps and for all those providing care and support.

The work of the Bible Society: Translating and distributing God's life-giving word in many countries; providing bibles and literacy classes in deprived situations and bringing the good news of God's salvation to all people.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, John Wartnaby, Mary Exton, Angie Threadgold, Ruth Greig, Joy Dale, Craig Giles, Margaret B-J and Ralph Gatrell (both friends of Frank and Pauline Westfield), Chris Gould, Dorothy Cawthorne (sister of Val Wilson), Alan Stanford whose mother is very ill in hospital in Turkey.

Special Prayer for the 16th Sunday after Trinity: *O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*