

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

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020

4th before Advent

9.30am Children's Group via zoom led by Anna Counsell.

"Joseph - Dreams come true" Please bring card, felt tips, glue, sellotape and scissors

Link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4197596873?pwd=MINoTFNqZlIiWnNFDZTJmTHZORnV2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 419 759 6873 Password: 1ffwp annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com 07919621343

10.30am Morning Worship with Act of Remembrance via zoom only (join from 10.20)

Leader: Chris Strain Preacher: John Pattison

5.00pm Evening Prayer on zoom led by Chris

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

Worship and Events over the next two weeks

- ✚ **Pastoral Team Meeting, 2pm** this Tuesday 10th November via zoom
- ✚ **Private Prayer in Church/Chapel 9am - 10am** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- ✚ **Wednesday worship is at 9.30am** by zoom (usual link)
- ✚ **Sunday 15th 10.30am** – Preacher: Andrew Cullis 'The Church – A community of suffering'
- ✚ **Sunday 22nd 10.30am** – Preacher: Charles Burgess from CPAS 'A Community of Good News to share'

Church Open for Private Prayer during lockdown

Unfortunately due to a second lockdown we cannot currently meet physically for services for at least the next four weeks but the Church will be open for Private Prayer for one hour from **9am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**. Social distancing rules will apply as before. Do also join us for our zoom services.

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](#)

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe box appeal

Things are a little uncertain due to lockdown. Please contact Julie Murphy if you still have a shoe box to deliver. You can also download your own leaflet at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. 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.

Christmas gift for the Poole Domestic Abuse Centre

Families First Mothers Union will be giving boxes of biscuits to the Refuge this Christmas - even more needed we think in the light of the present situation. Any donations of £5 towards one box, would be appreciated. Donations can be left at the Church office or put through Anne Roberts door 25 Wellington Road or Virginia's (28 Pine Ave). PLEASE put cash in a marked envelope. We would prefer not to have cheques as these would have to be made payable to Virginia but you can do this if you wish. 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

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 Earham 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.

Prayer from the Lectionary365 app

Lord in these dark and difficult times grant me the grace to seek your face with undiminished love. Replenish my reserves for the road is long. Support me in the coming days with glimpses of your goodness, hints of your holiness, and a song of hope in this very strange land. Amen.

A Prayer from Lee Abbey

God of stillness and storm, you are greater than our plans and designs, more powerful than our attempts to control. Guide us through life's uncertainties. Calm us in times of tempest. Shake us in our complacency. Teach us to know that you alone are God. 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.

We remember the millions of servicemen and women who have given their lives in times of war. We pray too for those who survived, but bear the physical and mental scars of conflict. Grant them healing and comfort. Amen

Pray for the work of the SASRA (The Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers' Association) as they share the good news of Jesus with soldiers and airmen, and **BLESMA** (The British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association) working to provide support and financial assistance to those disabled through conflict.

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), Daphne Reeves, the Norris family following the death of Rebecca's mother in Sri Lanka.

Special Prayer for the 4th Sunday before Advent: *Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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*

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