

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Chris Strain and the team from SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) travelling back to the UK this week from Wau in South Sudan. Pray for a safe return journey and for a lasting peace for the people of South Sudan
- PCC meeting tomorrow, 19th November for wisdom and guidance as agenda items are discussed and decisions made.

Pray for the work of Open Doors: Supporting the persecuted church. Pray for three young believers in Nigeria, Esther, kidnapped by Boko Haram, abused and then rescued but both she and her baby have been mocked and rejected. Leah, also taken by Boko Haram and under threat of execution for continuing to proclaim her faith. Rashida witnessed the death of her friend and aunt, was injured but allowed to escape with her life. She is now traumatised. Pray for justice, healing, comfort and restoration for these young women. Asia Bibi in Pakistan, recently cleared of blasphemy; for justice and protection as the lives of the legal team, the family and Asia, are currently in mortal danger.

Pray for those with special need: Justin Coldstream, Craig Giles (brother of Nick), Toby (brother-in-law of Kate Wyatt), Rev James Davies and his wife Theresa for healing and strength as they recover from hip operation (Theresa) and stroke (James), the Murphy family following the death of Julie's mother.

Special Prayer for the 2nd Sunday before Advent: *Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you. Amen*

Sunday 25th November 1st before Advent

9.00am Holy Communion CW

10.30am Morning Worship

4.00pm Israel Special – 'Encounters – Just one Touch' + Tea – (see notice)

Sunday, 2nd December – 1st Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am All Age Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion CW

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St. Luke's Church Parkstone

'A community of whole-life disciples of Jesus Christ committed to worship, growth, fellowship and mission'

News and Notices for the week beginning 18th November 2018, 2nd before Advent

Theme: 'Generosity'

9.00am Holy Communion BCP – Preacher: Kevin Rogers

Readings: Philippians 4:10-20 & Luke 12:13-21

Hymns: **435, 624, 799, 663**

10.30am Holy Communion CW Preacher: Kevin Rogers

Welcome to the family and friends of Isla & Callie Fisher for their Baptism today.

Readings: Philippians 4:10-20 & Luke 12:13-21

6.30pm Praise and Prayer

If new to St. Luke's, do please pick up the new 'Introducing St. Luke's' leaflet and complete the Welcome card. Do stay on for Coffee. Please come forward for prayer to seek God's blessing and strengthening at end of the service.

Please place offerings in the plate by the PA system. Thank you

This Coming Week

Mon 19th 7.30pm PCC Meeting – Church Rooms

Wed 21st 9.30am Midweek Worship followed by Coffee Hour at 10am

Thu 22nd 9.00am Prayer – Chapel
10.00am Parents and Toddlers – Church

Fri 23rd 6.30pm Carol Practice – Church Rooms
7.30pm Youth Club – Church Hall

Sat 24th 9.30am Prayer for St. Luke's and the world – all are welcome
10.15am Fabric Team Meeting

Forthcoming St. Luke's Events

Israel Special 'Encounters - 'Just One Touch' next Sunday 25th November, 4pm

In the Church Rooms with a 'Bring & Share' tea at **4pm** followed by a time of Praise and Prayer as Glenda and Carole share their testimonies about their recent pilgrimage to Israel. Bring some food to share. Everyone is welcome.

Come to Sidholme, Sidmouth our Church House Party 3rd to 5th May 2019

This is a great weekend away and an opportunity to grow in faith and get to know each other. We hope you will be able to join us. Pick up a brochure.

Confirmation +

Thinking of being confirmed? Like to know more about the Christian Faith? Like a refresher on some of the basics? Then do join up for our Confirmation + course starting **Sunday 25th November from 4pm - 5.30pm.**

Choir for Carols by Candlelight

If you can sing & would like to be part of the choir practice is on **Fridays, 6.30pm** in the Church Rooms. The Carol service is on **23rd December.**

Come to the CMS Coffee morning on Saturday 1st December, 10am in the Church Rooms

All funds raised in aid of our mission partners the Bennet family. Bring & Buy stall, cakes and Judy's Jams.

Christmas Goodie Boxes

These were well received last year & Families First are organising goodie boxes again this year. Financial donations can be given or specific items donated. See Virginia Stacey (01202 773958) or Anne Roberts (01202 738402) for more information.

Cantabile Christmas Concert, Sunday 9th December, 6.30pm in Church

Music from Handel's Messiah, Bach, Haydn, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter & Richard Holt. Conductor Jean Holt. Tickets £10 on the door or from the Church Office.

Ladies' Christmas Craft, Wednesday 5th December, 7.30pm at the Church

Come & make a wooden garland. £10 pp includes all materials, mince pies & mulled wine. Tickets must be bought in advance & are available from Louise Samways or the church office. All Ladies are welcome.

Take part in 'Wind in the Willows' 2019, the next St. Luke's Production

To be performed at the Church Hall on **5th, 6th & 7th April 2019.** Sign up to take part. Auditions, **Sat 5th January, 6pm** at the Hall. Rehearsals will be weekly & start on **Sun 6th January from 6pm until 8pm** at the Hall. Contact Claire Storey: claire.storey@web-image.co.uk 01202 733669

Other Events/Notices

Winter Clothes for Children in Namibia

It gets very cold in Namibia at night. Poole Bay Rotary are collecting warm, hand washable clothes for children aged 4 to 15 years. Please bring items to the church or to 30 Highland Road BH14 0DX.

Poole Foodbank are in need of:

Tinned Meat, Tinned Ready Meals, UHT Milk, Coffee. Place financial donations in the slot in the pillar in church. Contact: Gill Payne poolefood@faithworkswessex.org.uk 01202 669566

Poole Light Orchestra Concert, Tue 27th November

At St. Clements Church, St. Clements Road. BH12 4PE. Commemorating the Great War (1914-1918). Free entry, retiring collection.

Church Locking Up Rota

The rota for 2019 will be drawn up in early December and there are currently vacancies for 2 new members on the rota. Would you be able to help with this important task? - if so please speak to Richard Hudson or Chris or Kevin or Church wardens for more information

Thank you

Richard Hudson thanks everyone for their good wishes and cards, celebrating his recent special birthday.