

'Climate Change, Faith and Me' Saturday 21st Sept 10am to 4pm

At the Quaker Meeting House 16 Wharnccliffe Rd Boscombe Bournemouth BH5 1AH
There will be light refreshments during the day including a free lunch. For tickets go to orders@eventbrite.com See Joan Percy for more information.

'Footsteps' A New Passion Play. Launch Wed 11th September, 6pm

At Parkstone United Reformed Church. 'Footsteps' will be performed 31st March to 4th April 2020. Do go along if you would like to take part. producer@poolepassion.com

Support Ride and Stride, Saturday 14th September

Raising money to support the National Churches Trust. Sara Sims (new to St. Luke's) is taking part in this event. To sponsor Sara please fill in the form at the back of the church.

CAMEO Cake boxes and dishes – last chance to collect your items!

Please collect your various cake boxes and from the back of the church

Congratulations to:

Jean & Richard Holt on the arrival of a granddaughter, Edith to Rob & Mel.

PRAYERS

Please Pray for:

- The Amazon rainforest and our world; for those working to stop the fires in the forest and for those in positions of leadership and authority; for wisdom to bring solutions to the issues of farming, supply and demand.
- Our Country at this time of uncertainty; for guidance and wisdom for our Prime Minister, Government and Parliament.
- The work of Open Doors – supporting the persecuted church worldwide.

Pray for those with special need: Stella Barron, Angie Threadgold, Toby (brother-in-law to Kate Wyatt), Christopher James (brother of Claire Storey), Judy Hudson, Dani Balkanska.

Special Prayer for the 11th Sunday after Trinity: *O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Worship with re-commissioning of Groups
5.00pm Tea and Talk

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Autumn 2019 at St Luke's Church Parkstone

I do hope you had a great summer and are feeling refreshed for the autumn. Rest and Sabbaths are important times for reconnecting with God and for allowing us to hear God. We had a good time in France, but the highlight has to be this summer's cricket!

Now we look forward to all the autumn has in store. As I write the Prime Minister is seeking to prorogue Parliament. The nation is living through a time of extreme constitutional uncertainty as we move towards leaving the European Union – or not! By the time you read this the context could be very different. The certainties of the end of the last millennium seem a long way off. We may well wonder where we are in all this, and where God might be? In our confusion and change it is good to remind ourselves that God does not change and his promises are to be trusted even in a strange land – in fact particularly in a strange and foreign land!

This summer we have looked together at a number of Old Testament characters including Daniel, Jeremiah and Nehemiah. They all lived around the time of the Exile when God's people were in Babylon (Iraq). The heady days of David and Solomon seemed a long way off as they remembered the former glories of Jerusalem. But in their exile these men, like Esther too, continued to trust, serve, love and honour God above all the idols and false gods and values of their age. It seems to me that we are today living as strangers in a foreign land, and always will to some degree. Peter acknowledges this in 1 Peter 1:1. Do listen to sermons from St Luke's at <https://www.stlukesparkstone.org.uk/71/Talks>

At this time God is calling us to continue to trust and obey Him and seek his glory however countercultural our society may consider this to be. The truth of God is not dependent on our perceptions of reality. He is the Lord, He reigns in the heavens and we are to seek His Kingdom and live as belonging to this other kingdom over which God rules, and which has the final victory.

Three words came to my attention as I sat in the Cathedral in Dinan Brittany on holiday. At the front I read, "Venez! Voyez! Vivez!" "Come! See! Live!" That is the call to each of us: To come to God, to see and know Him for who He is, and to be truly and fully alive in relationship with Him." Daniel, Jeremiah and Nehemiah called God's people of their day to do come back, to see and know, to worship and live. He alone is true life and grants life in all its fullness to those who receive Him.

The voices of the world promise much, but it is only in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ, that we can be made alive by the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope we can explore together a little more what it means to hear call to venez, voyez, vivez!

Thank you for belonging to St Luke's. Can I mention some forthcoming programmes and events at St Luke's this autumn and invite you to join in:

The Bible Course

Our Connect Groups will be using the Bible Society's excellent resource with DVD to learn more about the story of the Bible, how it all fits together and what its message is for us today. Do speak to me if you would like to join a group.

"Jesus the Game Changer – How the Life and Teaching of Jesus Changed the World, and Why it Matters!"

This superb 10 session DVD course will be used on the 2nd Sunday afternoon of the month at 5pm with "Tea and Talk" Do come along to this and to evening services which are usually at 6.30pm. We would love to see more people join us.

Ladies' Quiet Morning

This gift of a morning for ladies takes place on Saturday 21st September 9.30am – 2.30pm at Judith John's lovely home. Cost just £5 to include lunch. See notices. Do sign up.

Licensing of Justin Coldstream as a Lay Minister

Justin will be licensed at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 28th September at 11am. We hope a large number will come and support and pray for him. Congratulations Justin!

Children's and Youth Groups

Children's groups start again on 8th September. We are so pleased to have a good number of children and are very grateful to all the leaders and helpers. Youth Club will be starting again this month.

Worship and Prayer

God works amongst us as we pray and trust in Him. We do encourage all members of St Luke's to join us for prayer on Sundays and during the week – 9.30am on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 9.00am on Thursdays.

Missions' Gift Day

We are delighted that over £10,000 was given as a result of our Missions Information and Gift Day in July. Thank you and well done. Please pray for at least one of our missions and especially for the Pains and Bennetts as they take on new opportunities and challenges in Japan and Rwanda. Do take their mission letters or subscribe to them.

Serving and Giving at St Luke's

We are so pleased that many serve and give generously to the life of St Luke's. We would be glad to hear from you if you would like to give financially so that we can develop our ministry, especially amongst the young people, and if you could help in practical ways with the church and hall fabric, media and communications, gardening, cleaning etc.

Finally, congratulations to all who did so well in their exams and are now taking up new opportunities in school, work, gap years and at college etc.

May God bless and lead us this coming autumn. With love. **Chris Strain** Vicar

Sunday 1st September 11th after Trinity

9.00am

Holy Communion BCP- Preacher: Roy Stacey

Readings: Genesis 6: 1-8, 1 Peter 3: 8 – 22, Luke 18: 9-14

Hymns: 529, 193, 400, 760

10.30am

All Age Worship and Baptism - Preacher: John Parrett

We welcome the family & friends of Sophia Guillebaud and Harriet Brown.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 10-15

6.30pm

Holy Communion 'Mountains of the Bible' – Sue Walkden

THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd

10.45am Coffee Morning – Vicarage

Tues 3rd

10.30am 'Oasis' Ladies' Bible Study Group - Vicarage

Wed 4th

9.30am Holy Communion in the Chapel and to homes

Thu 5th

10.00am Coffee Hour - Church Rooms

9.00am Prayer in the Chapel

Sat 7th

10.00am Parents & Toddlers - Church

9.30am Prayer for St. Luke's and the World

Coffee Morning at the Vicarage

Tomorrow, Monday 2nd September from 10.45 at 2 Birchwood Road. Everyone is welcome.

'Oasis' – Ladies Bible Study Group

This Tuesday 3rd September, 10.30am at the Vicarage. All ladies are welcome. Bring a psalm to share.

Join a Connect Group this Autumn

Connect Groups will soon be starting a new term and meet fortnightly in people's homes. This term most Groups will be using the Bible Course as the basis of group discussion. Please speak with Chris or the churchwardens if you would like to join a group.

'Child of God, Daughter of the King' – Ladies' Quiet Morning – Saturday 21st Sept.

Have you had a busy summer? Then this is for you - even if you haven't! At **77, Canford Cliffs Rd** from **9.30 - 2.30**. Cost: £5. The morning finishes with a lunch together (provided) It would help us greatly if you could sign up for this to help us with catering. Thank you. Please talk to Carole Schouten, Glenda Hammond or Maggie Strain for more information. We look forward to welcoming you.