

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- For our government, led by Theresa May at this time of difficult negotiations and decision-making as we prepare to leave the EU. Pray for all our leaders, give strength and wisdom so that they take the steps necessary to benefit our nation.
- A deep love, respect and understanding of each other, irrespective of our backgrounds, so that we can move forward together; enabling all communities to come together in solidarity to continue working towards a society of peace and tolerance.

Pray for the work of CMS: Steve, Catriona and Hannah Bennett are our mission partners in Rwanda. Steve is a consultant general surgeon and Catriona is a consultant anaesthetist. Give thanks that another surgeon is now helping them in the hospital. Please continue to pray for their continued language training, for stamina and good health as they care for Hannah and for the staff and patients at Gahini Hospital.

Pray for those with special need: Justin Coldstream, Craig Giles (brother of Nick), Toby (brother-in-law of Kate Wyatt), James and Teresa Davies, the Murphy family following the death of Julie's mother.

Special Prayer for the 1st Sunday before Advent: *Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Sunday, 2nd December – 1st of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am All Age Worship

6.30pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 9th December 2nd of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion CW

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Cantabile Christmas Concert

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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 25th November 2018, 1st before Advent

Theme: 'Why do people suffer?'

9.00am Holy Communion CW – Preacher: Chris Strain
Readings: Romans 8:31-39 & Luke 22:39-46, 54-65
Hymns: **187, 275, 162, 506**

10.30am Morning Worship Preacher: Chris Strain
Readings: Romans 8:31-39 & Luke 22:39-46, 54-65

4.00pm Israel Special with bring and share tea (see notice)

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 26th 9.45am 'The Joys and Pitfalls of Biblical Ministry' – see notice
7.30pm Churches Together Prayer for Poole – Longfleet Baptist

Tue 27th 3.30pm Experiences in Wau, South Sudan – Vicarage
7.30pm Poole Light Orchestra – St. Clement's

Wed 28th 9.30am Midweek Worship followed by Coffee Hour at 10am
12.30pm Churches Together – Church of Good Shepherd

Thu 29th 9.00am Prayer – Chapel
10.00am Parents and Toddlers – Church
7.00pm Wessex Filling Station – Wessex Christian Centre

Fri 30th 6.30pm Carol Practice – Church Rooms
7.30pm Youth Club – Church Hall

Sat 1st 9.30am Prayer for St. Luke's and the world – all are welcome
10.00am CMS Coffee Morning – Church Rooms

Generous Giving – Supporting the ministry of St Luke’s

If you were not able to be with us last Sunday do please pick up the “Giving to Grow” leaflets which were handed out to all. Speak to Kevin or Chris, Steve or the wardens to know how you can bless God, the church and community and others. Thank you.

Forthcoming St. Luke’s Events

Israel Special this evening, 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 visit to Israel. Bring some food to share. Help with serving refreshments/ clearing away/washing up would be much appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

Experiences in Wau, South Sudan this Tuesday 3.30pm at the Vicarage

Everyone is welcome to come & hear Chris share briefly about his experiences following his recent visit to Wau in South Sudan with SOMA. More details next year.

Come to the CMS Coffee morning this 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. Please bring a cake to sell.

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 **today at church & then Sundays at the Vicarage at 4pm.**

Christmas Goodie Boxes for the Domestic Abuse Refuge

Organised by Families First. Financial donations or specific items can be donated. See Virginia Stacey (01202 773958) or Anne Roberts (01202 738402).

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.

Fully Booked! Ladies’ Christmas Craft, Wednesday 5th December, 7.30pm

This event is now fully booked! If you still want to come and are willing to go on a waiting list then please let Louise Samways know.

Men’s Pub Night – Wednesday 5th December, 8pm at the Grasshopper

All men are welcome to come along for a drink and a chat.

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

‘The Joys and Pitfalls of Biblical Ministry’ with Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, Tomorrow, Monday 26th November, 9.45am at St. Francis Church, Beatrice Rd, Salisbury SP1 3PN. Speaker, the Venerable Dr. Paul Gardner.

Wessex Filling Station – this Thursday, 29th November 7.00pm

At Discover: Church (formerly Wessex Christian Centre), Hinton Road, Bournemouth BH1 2EN. Speaker Steve Brady of Moorlands College. Free entry.

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

Poole Light Orchestra Concert, this Tuesday 27th November

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

‘The Nutcracker’ Sunday 2nd December 5pm

At St. Nicholas Church, Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen BH21 3LE. Produced by ‘Saltmine’. Tickets £5 from www.parishofcorfemullen.church or phone 01202 602948.

Church Office

Next weeks’ notice sheet will cover two weeks. Christine is not in the office from 3rd until 10th December. Please send any notices to the office by next Thursday, 29th November.

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 ODX.

Warm clothing for the Homeless

As the cold winter weather approaches URC Parkstone are collecting MENS warm clothing especially hats, scarfs, gloves and socks for the Homeless and Rough Sleepers. Please place any clothing donations in the collection box at the back of the Church. Thank you