

PRAYERS

Pray for:

- Families during this busy season, that the wonder of the Christmas story would not be overlooked or discarded as children are targeted with many media messages, particularly advertisements that promote a message of consumerism.
- The work of Christian Aid: working with their partners to expose poverty throughout the world; helping in practical ways to end poverty and to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.
- The work of the Mothers' Union, working to strengthen families and communities all over the world, sharing God's love throughout the world.

Pray for those with special need: Justin Coldstream, Craig Giles (brother of Nick), Toby (brother-in-law of Kate Wyatt), James and Theresa Davies.

Special Prayer for the 1st Sunday of Advent: *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Special Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: *O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

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 Weeks Beginning 2nd and 9th December 2018

2nd December, 1st Sunday of Advent

Theme: "Can we look forward to Heaven?"

9.00am Holy Communion BCP - Preacher: John Pattison

Readings: Revelation 7: 9-17 & Matthew 25: 31-46

Hymns: **784, 13, 920, 109**

10.30am All Age Worship - Preacher: John Parrett

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Reading: John 1:1-14

6.30pm Holy Communion CW

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## 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**9.00am Holy Communion CW** - Preacher: Chris Strain

Readings/Hymns: As announced

**10.30am Morning Worship** - Preacher: Chris Strain

**6.30pm Cantabile Christmas Concert** - Music from Handel, Bach, Haydn, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter & Richard Holt. Conductor Jean Holt. Tickets £10, available on the door.

*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 following the morning services. Please come for prayer to seek God's blessing and/or help for something in your life.*

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

## THIS WEEK & NEXT

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| <b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Guides' Carol Service</b>                                      |
|                            | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Connect Group Leaders' Meeting</b> – Vicarage                  |
| <b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>'Experiences in Wau, South Sudan'</b> - Vicarage               |
| <b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion in the Chapel &amp; to homes</b>                |
|                            | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b> – Church Rooms                                 |
|                            | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Ladies' Christmas Craft</b> – Church                           |
|                            | <b>8.00pm</b>  | <b>Men's Pub Night</b> - Grasshopper                              |
| <b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Parents &amp; Toddlers – Church (&amp; 13<sup>th</sup>)</b>    |
| <b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Prayer for St Luke's and the world (&amp; 15<sup>th</sup>)</b> |
| <b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>4.00pm</b>  | <b>Families First Invitation Christmas Party</b> – Church         |
| <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Midweek Worship followed by coffee hour at 10am</b>            |
| <b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Open Doors Prayer Meeting</b> – Centenary Lounge               |
| <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Bournemouth Collegiate Christmas Service</b>                   |

## Forthcoming St. Luke's Events

### Christmas at St Luke's

Christmas is a time to worship and proclaim the Good News of God's love in Jesus. We would encourage everyone please to extend a welcome and hospitality to all in our community. **Do please take some Invitation Cards to give to friends and distribute the cards in the envelopes with road names.** If able, do knock on doors. Also take some of the HOPE magazines and personally invite people. It makes all the difference.

### A second chance to hear 'Experiences in Wau, South Sudan' this Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am

At the Vicarage. Chris will share briefly about his recent visit to Wau in South Sudan.

### Men's Pub Night – this Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm at the Grasshopper

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

### Kevin and Lorna's Farewell Party – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 5.30pm

We are having a Farewell Party at the **Church Hall** to which everyone is invited! Remember to put this important event into your busy diary! We would like to include a **'Bring and Share' supper, so if you are coming please sign up** on the list at the back of the church with the food you will be able to bring for the evening. If you are able to help set up the hall beforehand or during the evening speak to your Churchwardens, Glenda or Kate!

### Collection for Kevin and Lorna

We would like to make collection for Kevin and Lorna to give them a good start in their own Parish. If you would like to make a contribution towards this collection please place the monies or cheque (payable to St Luke's Church) in an envelope marked 'Rogers Family' and give your envelope to Chris Strain, Glenda Hammond, Kate Wyatt, Steve Blight or into the Church office by **Sunday 16th December** 2018. Thankyou!

### Come to Sidholme, Sidmouth our Church House Party 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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

The Confirmation Course starts today, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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).

## Other Events/Notices

### Winter Clothes for Children in Namibia

Please bring items to the church or to 30 Highland Road BH14 0DX.

### Warm clothing for the Homeless

Please place any clothing donations in the box at the back of the Church.

### 'An Epic Evening of Music' – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

At St. Aldhelm's Church, Branksome with the St. Aldhelm's Orchestra. Free Entry, retiring collection. [www.st-aldhelms-orchestra.co.uk](http://www.st-aldhelms-orchestra.co.uk)

### Church Office

Christine is not in the office next week. The answer phone will be monitored. Please leave a message or phone Chris or Kevin.



## Christmas Events



- To help with coffee at the Carol Service on **23<sup>rd</sup> Dec** see Christine.
- Mince Pies for the Carol Service - please sign up if you can donate a dozen.

**Christmas Flowers** – There is a Retiring Collection for Flowers to decorate the Church – gifts of foliage or flowers would also be appreciated.

**Carol Singing – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm** at Wessex Lodge Rest Home, Munster Road. This is enjoyed by staff & residents. Please come if you can. Carol sheets provided.

**Personal Christmas Cards** – A table will be at the back of the Church from **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for you to exchange cards. Please put surnames on envelopes & small cards would also fit better on the table. Thank you

**Christmas Services at St. Luke's** – Please pick up a card with details of all Christmas services. See Page 2 notice **'Christmas at St. Luke's'**.