

Some events in 2019 + at St Luke's

January **Alpha Course** in various Connect Groups - invite others
January 24th **Kevin Roger's Licensing** at St Nicholas Church Henstridge

March 3rd **Confirmation Service** at 10.30am with Bishop Nicholas
March 31st **Mothering Sunday** - all-age at 10.30am

April 5th-7th 'Wind in the Willows' - Church Hall
April 7th Church Annual Meeting
April 13th CAMEO Extra - *more help needed for August!*
April 19th Good Friday
April 21st Easter Sunday

May 3rd-5th **Houseparty at Sidholme** - forms now out
May 13th Lay Worship Leaders' licensed at St Luke's
May 18th CMS Coffee Morning with the Bennett family

June 7th-9th **Flower Festival** and Pentecost

Aug 13th-15th CAMEO - Church Hall

October 6th Harvest Thanksgiving
Autumn The Bible Course in Connect Groups

Verse for 2018

'In returning and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength.'
Isaiah 30:15

St. Luke's Church Parkstone

6th January 2019, Epiphany Sunday

Verse for 2019

'Jesus said, 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.'

Matthew 6:33

9.00am Holy Communion BCP - Preacher: Andy Roberts
Readings: Ephesians 3: 1-12 and Matthew 2: 1-12
Hymns: **65, 740, 529, 700**

10.30am All Age Worship - 'Seek First the Kingdom of God'
Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

6.30pm Holy Communion CW

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

Tue 8th 10.10am Families First AGM followed by Holy Communion

Wed 9th 9.30am Midweek Worship followed by coffee hour at 10am

Thu 10th 9.00am Prayer – Chapel
9.30pm Open Doors Prayer Meeting – Centenary Lounge
10.00am Parents & Toddlers – Church

Fri 11th 7.30pm Youth Club – Church Hall

Sat 12th 9.30am Prayer for St Luke's and the world
10.15am Pastoral Team Meeting – Church Rooms

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The Church Office Open: Tuesday to Friday mornings 01202 717268

Forthcoming St. Luke's Events

ALPHA 2019 in Connect Groups

The excellent **Alpha film series** will be run through most of the Connect Groups over the first half of 2019. It is a superb course addressing key aspects of the Christian Faith. The groups meet in homes and in the Church Rooms on Wednesdays at 11am. Do consider joining a group and invite others. Speak to Chris or the wardens or Connect Group leaders. We encourage all St. Luke's members to belong to Connect Groups.

Verse for 2019

Please pick up a card and perhaps fix to your notice board or fridge, or use as a bookmark

Confirmation 2019

It is not too late to join the Confirmation Course which continues today, **6th January at 4pm** at the Vicarage. Do speak with Chris if interested.

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.

Thanks & Help

Thank you to all who give so wholeheartedly to the life of St. Luke's Church. If you feel you could support us in any way please speak to Chris, Kate, Glenda or Christine. We could do with help with locking up, vergering, hall & fabric committees, the coffee rota, children's groups, social activities & financial giving etc. Thank you

Wau and South Sudan Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 16th January

In the Church Rooms from 12.30 - 1.30pm. Please bring your own lunch.

Kevin's Licensing, Thursday 24th January 2019

There are a few places left if you wish to travel on the coach, please see Glenda. **If you have booked please pay your £10 to Glenda.** The coach leaves **St. Luke's at 5pm.**

Congratulations to

Cynthia & Ralph Wood on the arrival of a granddaughter Lydia Beth on 1st January, (weighing 7lbs 2oz) to Lucy and Mark Sykes.

Bob and Judy Lambourne new phone number

Bob & Judy have a new phone number, **01202 715067**. Please amend your directory.

Thank you from Brian & Gillian Finch & Poole Bay Rotary Club

To all those who donated clothes for children in Namibia; 24 cases were filled & left Southampton on the 3rd January on the "Queen Elizabeth" courtesy of Cunard. On arrival in Namibia they will be handed over to two Rotary Clubs and a school in Walvis Bay.

Other Events/Notices

Thank you from Poole Foodbank

To all those who supported the foodbank in 2018. The request for January is that food donations are 'paused' & instead of giving an item of food donate 50p or £1. Donations can be placed in the slot in the pillar. If you prefer to give an item, the current biggest need is for Longlife milk and small jars of coffee. Contact Gill Payne 01202 669566 email: poolefood@faithworkswessex.org.uk

PRAYERS

Please Pray for:

- Our life as a Church in 2019: for deepening worship, growing discipleship and service; that others would come to know Jesus through our witness and outreach.
- The Alpha course starting in January in the Connect Groups; that new people will join and that all will grow in faith and understanding.
- Chris, the churchwardens and all who lead us at St. Luke's.
- Kevin and Lorna as they settle into their new Parish.
- Our children and young people as the new terms starts. Pray for leaders and helpers; our local schools, teachers and assistants and all those returning to university following the Christmas break.
- Chris, Kesia, Caleb, Jonathan, Carys and Megumi Pain, our OMF partners in Japan and currently on home assignment in Nottingham. Pray for Carys and Megumi as they start the school term in the UK and for Caleb and Jonathan as they return to school in Hebron, India later this month. Pray for Kesia's language study and for productive reading time for Chris.

Pray for those with special need: Justin Coldstream, Toby (brother-in-law of Kate Wyatt), Colleen James stepmother of Claire Storey, Dorothy Storey (Claire's mother-in-law), Celia Fernandez (friend of Jayne Evans).

Special Prayer for Epiphany: *O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Sunday 13th January 2019, 2nd of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion CW

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Prayer