

PRAYERS

Please Pray for:

- The people of the Bahamas affect by Hurricane Dorian. Pray for all those who have lost homes, for the injured, for relief agencies and emergency services. Pray also for all those living on the East Coast of the USA as the storm approaches.
- Our Country and for all members of Parliament at this time of uncertainty.
- The life of St. Luke's as we begin a new term – for Chris, the churchwardens (Glenda and Virginia) and each one of us in our service of God.
- Our children and young people, and all Connect Groups as the new term starts and all leaders being re-commissioned today.
- All those who have returned to or have started new schools; that students and staff settle well and make good friendships.

Pray for the work of Mothers' Union/Families First: As it works with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change.

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, the Gee family following the death of Mike's father.

Special Prayer for the 12th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

15th September 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion CW
6.30pm Praise and Prayer

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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'

Sunday 8th September 12th after Trinity

- 9.00am Holy Communion CW-** Preacher: Chris Strain
Readings: Philemon 1 – 21 and Luke 14: 25-33
Hymns: 146, 624, 463, 935
- 10.30am Morning Worship -** Preacher: Chris Strain
With Recommissioning of Youth & Children Leaders
Readings: Philemon 1 – 21 and Luke 14: 25-33
- 5.00pm Tea and Talk – 'Jesus the Games Changer'** (see notice)
- Tues 10th 10.10am 'Work of MU in Prisons' at Families First' – Rooms**
Wed 11th 9.30am Midweek Worship followed by coffee hour at 10am
6.00pm Passion Play Launch – Parkstone URC (see notice)
- Thu 12th 9.00am Prayer in the Chapel**
9.30am Open Doors Prayer Meeting
10.00am Parents & Toddlers – Church
- Sat 14th 10.30am Coffee Morning – Pennant House, 2 Spur Hill Ave**
9.30am Prayer for St. Luke's and the World
10.15am Pastoral Team Meeting – Church Rooms

A Message from your Honorary Treasurer – Steve Blight

A big thank you to all those who contribute regularly to St Luke's through bank standing orders or weekly envelopes. Financial giving is of course only part of how we can support the work of our church, but it is a necessary one. Running and maintaining our lovely building is funded entirely by our contributions and costs many thousands of pounds each year - and just like with our homes, these costs tend to go up, not down (even with our careful management!).

This spending supports the work we do on our objectives of worship, growth, fellowship and mission - and we don't want to reduce what we spend on those, our objectives as a registered charity. Have you prayerfully considered whether you can increase your giving this year? A 5% uplift would 'beat' inflation and on a £100 standing order would only be a little over a pound a week extra.

If you do not give regularly at present, please consider doing so as it would really help our budgeting plans for the rest of this year and next year. You can find a 'Giving to Grow' leaflet at the back of the church, or you can get the details from me. Many thanks. Steve Blight.

Forthcoming St. Luke's Events

'Jesus the Game Changer'

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

Starts today, 8th Sept from 5pm. This superb 10 session DVD course will be used once a 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtyvHebPogY>

'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.

'Work of Mothers' Union in Prisons' at Families First this Tuesday 10th September

In the Church Rooms. Everyone is welcome to come for coffee at 10.10am. The meeting starts at 10.30am.

Join a Connect Group this Autumn for the Bible Course

Connect Groups start this week 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.

Come to Coffee at Abbeyfield, Pennant House, 2 Spur Hill Ave

Weekly on Thursdays at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

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.

PCC Members

Please collect your Agenda and papers from the pigeon holes

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!

Other Events/Notices

'Footsteps' A New Passion Play. Launch this 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, next Saturday 14th September

Raising money to support the National Churches Trust. Sara Sims is taking part in this event. To sponsor Sara please fill in the form at the back of the church.

Churches Together in Poole Wednesday 18th September, 12 noon

Quarterly lunchtime meeting at **St. George's Church** with special speaker. Also in evening. Speak with Chris for more information.

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

At the Quaker Meeting House 16 Wharnclyffe 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.