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**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY**  
**SUNDAY 24th Aug 2025**



**Little Flyers Nursery School - getting ready for a grand opening at Sway Youth Centre.**

**[littleflyerssway.co.uk](http://littleflyerssway.co.uk)**

**Dear All**

**It is good to be back in Sway after a very interesting and full time meeting our link parish in Rwanda and attending the 100 year celebration for the Anglican church there. Jonathan's meticulous planning helped the trip run smoothly despite extremely complex and every changing schedules! This Sunday we will look at "Who is Jesus?" and share some of reflections of Jesus at work in Rwanda, that tells us more about his love for us all. "Who is Jesus ?" is the key question on the Alpha course so if you have been thinking about coming along- sign up as we plan food and groups for the sessions and we look forward to seeing you!**

**Every blessing**

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**Jane**

**Sunday 31st August**

*Who is Jesus? - introducing the Alpha course*

*"Is there more to Life than this? - introducing the Alpha course"*

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 14 1, 7-14

Both services will include some feedback from the mission team just back from Rwanda.

**9.30am Informal Service - Rev Jane Mitchell**

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Morning Service and Holy Communion - Rev Jane Mitchell**

**Sept 7th** - 9.30 Informal service 11am Parish Communion.

Please note that September service rotas have been e mailed out this week- please check your e mails!

**Prayer**

***11th Sunday after Trinity***

***God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond the price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.***

**Thursday morning online prayers**

A reflection on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and prayer using the church monthly calendar.

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBacHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

This week please pray for :

*Lydia and family*

*Little Flyers nursery opening in the Youth Centre*

*Rwandan church family in Kibirizi.*

*Christians Against Poverty*

*Family and friends of John Alexander.*

**CHURCH NEWS**

Term starts on **Wed 3rd Sept.** Normal church office opening hours resume and we

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welcome Sara back after the school holidays. **THANK YOU** on behalf of the whole church family to Heather Andrews and Sheila Green who have volunteered and kept the office going over the school holidays- you have been wonderful!

**John Alexander:** We are very sad to share the news that John, a long standing member of St Luke's died last week. John was a resident of Sway Place. We send our love and pray for his family and friends at this time of loss. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

**Anne Johnson** - we have been notified that Anne has moved to Linden House Care Home Lymington. We pray Anne settles well and thankful this move is local enough for friends to continue to visit and stay in touch.

*St. John the Baptist, Boldre SO41 5PG*

**ORGAN RECITAL – TIMOTHY RICE**

Saturday 6 September, 4pm

Possibly something for everyone! Admission FREE!

**Kissizi Hospital** The Tuesday Home Group have just sent £236.50 to the hospital from the sale of books and jigsaws. So far this year we have sent £469. This money is vitally important to the hospital so please continue to support the bookstall in the porch of the church rooms. The books and jigsaws are changed every month so it is worth keeping a regular eye on them.

Thank you for your support. Thanks very much. Janet

**Cooking for Alpha- we still need cooks!** Please sign up at the back of church. This is being co-ordinated through the church office so alternatively e mail [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com) with how you might be able to help. If you can't cook but could donate to pay for food then we would also like to hear from you!

**Urgent Prayer Requests**

Contact Jane on 07885505532 or the church office on 01590 682358, or if you are unable to make contact with Jane or the office then please email Jennie McNaught on [mcnaughthome@protonmail.com](mailto:mcnaughthome@protonmail.com)

**New Forest Basics Food Bank - please donate in our box at the back of church.**



Providing food and other essentials for people in need across the New Forest.



[Food bank items in urgent need](#)

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## The next Alpha course at St Luke's starts 10th September 2025



The Alpha course, is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR ALPHA](#)

### Dates for the diary

<b>Monday 1st Sept</b>	9.30-11 Baby Bump and Toddler group 7pm Alpha leaders training in church
<b>Tuesday 2nd Sept</b>	10 -11.30am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe
<b>Wednesday 3rd Sept</b>	Start of term Normal Church Office hours resume - 10-12 every weekday. 9am Parish Prayers 12 SWAG Lunch Club 1.45 Open the Book
<b>Thursday 4th Sept</b>	9am Online Prayers
<b>Friday 5th Sept</b>	9.30-11 Bump Baby and Toddler group 10am Friday Service

### Future Dates:

7th Sept 8am Holy Communion

7th Sept 3pm Sway Handbell ringers concert

8th Sept- MESSY CHURCH

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9th Sept- drop in at church for church members to meet PCC members about the Youth Centre.

10th Sept 6.45pm ALPHA

16th Sept PCC meeting

14th Sept 9.30 PRAISE and PLAY

14th Sept Safeguarding Sunday 11am

21st Sept Climate Sunday

28th Sept- 11am Special thanksgiving and memorial service for Sway railway - Rev Richard Elliott

Please check the website or churchsuite for all other events and dates.

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