

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 13th September

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our services this week, and especially those who may be joining us for the first time. Thank you to all who continue to give their time and support to our parish community.

Please keep an eye on the church notices for details of upcoming events, meetings and activities. We hope you can join us, and we wish everyone a peaceful and blessed week ahead.

Love and prayers,

Sara

Worship

Sunday 13th September 2026

Creationtide Week 2

Morning Worship

Entrusted with God's Garden

Genesis 2:15-17

Matthew 18:21-35

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd. Chris Guinness

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith

11am Morning Worship

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell & Speaker Sue Cornwell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Sheila and Hazel

Join Us for Online Thursday Prayers 9am

Everyone is warmly invited to join our informal online Thursday Prayers, led by Vicar Jane.

Each Thursday we gather on Zoom for a relaxed time of prayer and reflection. Jane shares a short reflection on the Bible passage for the week, we pray for people and events in the Church calendar, and there is also an opportunity to include any prayer requests that are shared.

To keep things simple and comfortable, we keep our cameras turned off while Jane leads the prayers, making it easy for anyone to join from home, whether you'd like to listen quietly or pray along.

Please note that we have a new Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73536322523?pwd=NTRJgH72l8MRaLFus0Ea6yUXSbBieg.1>



Please note that the service on Friday 18th September at 10am has been cancelled - Kevin has an appointment this day and sends his apologies.

Paper copies for September worship are available at the back of church.

Prayers

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

This week from our monthly prayer diary (copies available in church)

Praying for our neighbours (in Sway or elsewhere) for blessing and peace and for the Lord to meet residents at their point of need.

Please pray for;

*Family of Gillian Colsell
Family of Peter Harness
Merilyn Christian-Edwards
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson*

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Peter Harness. We remember Peter with affection and give thanks for his life. At this very sad time, we hold his family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers, asking God to give them comfort and strength.

Peter's funeral will be held in church on **17th September at 2.30 pm**. May he rest in peace.

Gillian Colsell

We will be having a thanksgiving service in church for Gillian - date to be confirmed, this will be posted in next weeks newsletter.

Church News

Viva Virtuosi - St Thomas' Church, Lymington 12th September 4pm

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of classical music performed by the talented Nova Foresta Classical Players at **St Thomas' Church, Lymington**. Why not bring along friends and family and join us for what promises to be a truly enjoyable evening? Tickets are available from TicketSource click on the link below.

[Viva Virtuosi at ST THOMAS' CHURCH, LYMINGTON event tickets from TicketSource](#)

NOVA FORESTA
Philharmonic

Viva Virtuosi

In an exciting and colourful programme, the Nova Foresta Philharmonic perform Mozart's Divertimento in D, as well as Piazzolla's 'Libertango'.

St Thomas' Church Lymington
Sat 12 Sep 2026, 4:00PM

Tickets £20
To make a booking please scan QR Code or use the link shown below

Rose Gosney
Violin soloist in Monti's Czardas!

Phil Daish-Handy
Conductor

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nova-foresta-classical-players/viva-virtuosi/e-bbrdc>

Apple Pressing Day - Sunday 13th September!

Bring along your apples and join in for Apple Pressing Day on **13th September!** It's a wonderful chance to turn your home-grown apples into delicious fresh apple juice, while enjoying a fun day together. **Everyone is very welcome so gather your apples and come along!**

ALPHA continues on Wednesday 16th September 2.30pm & 6.45pm!

ALPHA continues on Wednesday with two small groups, one in the afternoon at 2.30pm and one in the evening at 6.45pm. The course will run for 6 weeks starting ending with an away morning on Saturday 17th October. If you would like to join the evening group please contact Sara in the office. Unfortunately the afternoon group is full.

Creationtide 1st September 2026 - 4th October 2026

This September, St Luke's will be marking **Creationtide** over four weeks, as we reflect on God's wonderful creation and our responsibility to care for it. The season will culminate in our **Church Family Harvest Lunch** on **Sunday 27th September**.

If you'd like to explore this theme more deeply, the Diocese is offering an online **Carbon Literacy for Congregations** course.

The course runs on **five Tuesday evenings** (8, 15, 22 & 29 September, and 6 October), from **6.30–8.30pm**.

To find out more and book your place, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-literacy-for-congregations-online-creation-time-2026-tickets-1991352776761>

Sustainable Church Flowers Festival

We're delighted to share news of the **Sustainable Church Flowers Festival**, taking place on **19th and 20th September, from 10am–4pm**, at **St Anne's Catholic Church in Brockenhurst**. Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays while discovering more about sustainable flower arranging. All are very welcome!

Creative Space - Friday 25th September 2pm



This month, Rae will be sharing her 'textile based playbook' and work that she has completed in response to a recent trip to Ventnor Botanic Gardens. Alongside her new obsession with fig trees, Rae would like to share some thoughts about art, faith, and fear of creativity. Please click on the link below to sign up.

<https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/wplrwrre>

Saturday October 10th at 11am Winchester Cathedral - Licencing Service of Lay Ministers

Everyone is invited to come along for this special service supporting the following members of St Luke's who will be licenced:

Sue Cornwell- Bishop's Permission to Preach, Lizzy Smith- BCM Children and Families, and Debbie Hull -BCM Church without walls.

Children's Society Coffee Morning



This year our Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday, October 17th**. As usual it will be held at my house Hillside, Middle Road from **10am till 12noon**. There will be coffee and cakes, Christmas cards for sale, a cake stall and a raffle. Please come and support this very worthy charity which does an enormous amount of work with children and specifically young adults See you there.

Janet Lealan

Festal Evensong on 18th October 4pm

We warmly invite you to join us for **Festal Evensong on Sunday 18th October at 4pm** a beautiful service of music, prayer and reflection, and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family.

The Cost of Running Our Church

As part of our regular feature, we'd like to highlight some of the items and projects that the church has funded this month.

In the last two months we have paid for:

- **Boiler Service £90**
- **Bump Baby & Toddler Moving up to School Books £100**
- **Communion wine £200**

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of any of these items, whether in full or in part, we would be very grateful. You can do this using the link below or through your own parish giving account if you have one. Every gift helps us continue our ministry, care for our buildings and invest in the life of our church and community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/sway-lymington>

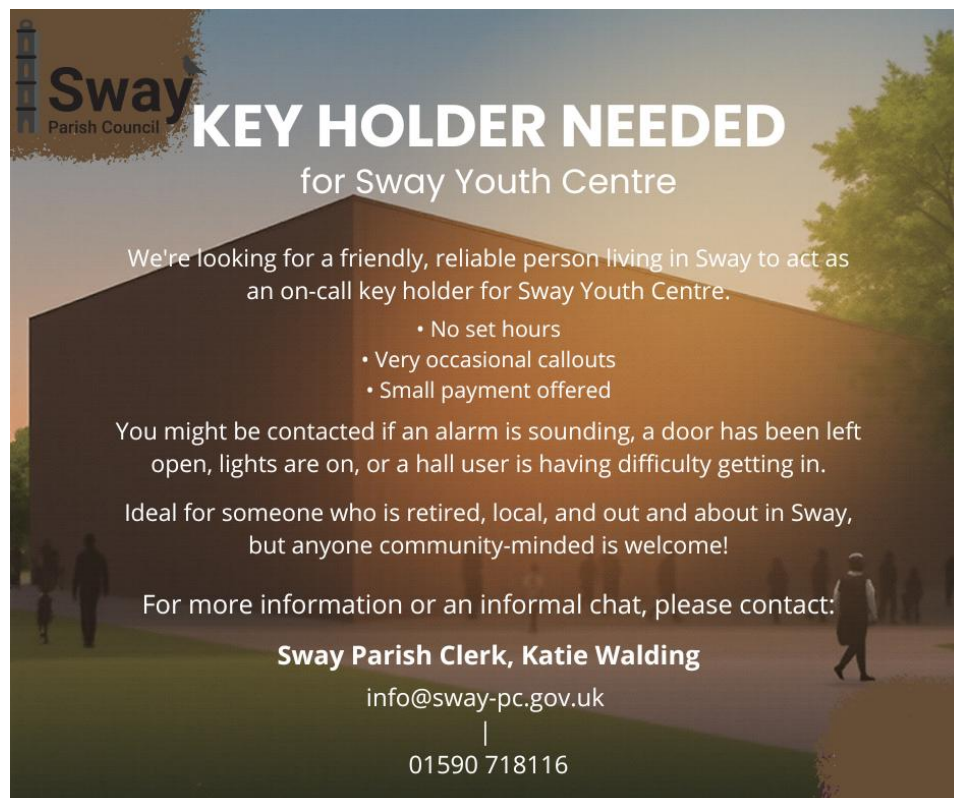
Grave Care Service

If you have a loved one's grave that could do with a little care and attention, **Down to Earth Grave Care** offer a thoughtful and respectful grave cleaning service. They can help keep graves looking cared for and well presented, particularly if you are unable to visit as often as you would like. Please contact Down to Earth Grave Care for further information on sharon@downtoearthgravecare.co.uk or on 07447445269

Urgent Prayer Requests

If you, or someone you know is in need of urgent prayer then please 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

Notices From The Parish Council Office



Sway
Parish Council

KEY HOLDER NEEDED

for Sway Youth Centre

We're looking for a friendly, reliable person living in Sway to act as an on-call key holder for Sway Youth Centre.

- No set hours
- Very occasional callouts
- Small payment offered

You might be contacted if an alarm is sounding, a door has been left open, lights are on, or a hall user is having difficulty getting in.

Ideal for someone who is retired, local, and out and about in Sway, but anyone community-minded is welcome!

For more information or an informal chat, please contact:

Sway Parish Clerk, Katie Walding
info@sway-pc.gov.uk
|
01590 718116



Children and Families

The next **Bubble Church** is on **Sunday 13th September** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/oh2cmx9b>

The next **Messy Church** is on **Monday 14th September at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/e5nxdli>

Mission

Please see the email below from Bev Cannon, who would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the thoughtful retirement gift and for their kindness and generosity.

Dear Jane,

On behalf of Johnny and I we write to say thankyou so much for the thankyou gift that I received in my bank account. God's timing is always perfect and this gift has really been helpful at this time of completing the work in our new home so we are very grateful.

We have just enjoyed spending the last 2 days with John and Helen Pawson and we are so blessed to have had visitors from Sway.

Until we see each other again please send our love and greetings to all at St. Luke's. Please keep us and our church in your prayers as we seek His perfect will for us in

*the next 2 weeks as we approach the moving out of our current building on 31st August.
We trust in Him and for our future ministry here in Cuenca.*

Love and blessings in Christ

Bev and Johnny xx

Next Week:

Monday 14th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 15th September	10.30am SWAG Cafe 4pm Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16th September	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 17th September	9am Online Prayers 2.30pm Peter Harness Funeral 7pm Band Practise
Friday 18th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 19th September	10am-4pm Sustainable Church Flower Festival- St Anne's Church
Sunday 20th September	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong 10am-4pm Sustainable Church Flower Festival- St Anne's Church

Future Dates:

Monday 21st September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 22nd September	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 23rd September	9am Parish morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book

	2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 24th September	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 25th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 26th September	
Sunday 27th September	Harvest Sunday and Lunch 11am Morning Service

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

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