

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 15th June 2025

**This week we reflect as God as Father on and Holy Spirit.**



As a parish family, we are called to live out our faith through acts of love and service. This week, we invite everyone to reflect on how we can support those in need within our local community. Whether through donating to the food bank, offering a helping hand to a neighbour, or simply reaching out in friendship, every small act makes a difference. Together, let us be a visible sign of God's love and compassion. Let's continue building a stronger, kinder community.\_\_\_\_  
Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Sara

### **WORSHIP**

TRINITY SUNDAY

Psalm 8

John 16 12-15

### **9.30am Praise and Play**

Praise: Taiwo and the group

Play: Lizzy and Jane

Breakfast refreshments

## **10.30am Coffee Time**

## **11am Family Communion**

Leader / Speaker - Revd. Jane Mitchell

Please click on the links below to see traditional and informal worship for June 2025

**4pm Evensong** leader Jonathan Elliott-Jones

[June Informal Worship](#)

[June Traditional Worship](#)

Printed copies can also be found in church

## **Lisa Thomas – ordination plans**

On Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> Lisa is due to be ordained at Winchester Cathedral. The ordination service starts at 10am and you are welcome to come along and share the experience with Lisa. To read more or to find out how to watch or be a part of this special service then please click on the link below.

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE - Lisa Thomas Ordination\*\*](#)

## **Sunday 29th June**

Please note there will be no 9.30am informal service on this day due to the ordination service of Lisa Thomas. The 11am service will go ahead as usual.

## **Prayer**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Would you like to join Thursday morning prayers online?**

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers. We normally reflect on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and pray through the church monthly calendar.

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

This week please pray for :

*Lydia and family*

*Family of Ray Fidler*

*Lucy Howlett and Peter Blick*

*Praise and Play*

*Rwanda link Church and School*

*Exploring plans to provide for the community using the Church Youth Centre land.*

### **URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE**

*We are setting up a new **URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE** to replace the one faithfully run by Janet Lealan. Having spoken with Janet and reviewed the needs within the pastoral team, we are inviting those who believe in the power of prayer to be part of this renewed and important ministry. If you would like to join in praying for church family members in times of serious need, please let Sara in the office know and she will add you to the list to receive email prayer requests. Thank you for the precious gift of your prayers. [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com) 01590 682358.*

*If you are in need of urgent prayer, in the first instance please do contact Jane on 07885505532*

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Church Land:**

Another church members meeting was held this week- providing an opportunity to listen to church members views and for the PCC to provide an update. Ted and Colin's report on the youth centre building was read and discussed, strengthening the view that retaining the existing building was a realistic option to be considered by the church. Following this meeting the PCC are preparing several communications to share with church members and village residents, These will emphasise the primary message that the heart of the church is to serve the community, as it always has done.



### **Our next Messy Church is on the 7th July!**

**[SIGN UP HERE for Carnival Messy Church](#)**

### **War Requiem concert, Saturday 12th July**

Mary & Joe Scott have bought tickets to the War Requiem concert, on Saturday 12th July at The Lighthouse, Poole. Sadly, they are now unable to go. They would kindly like to offer the tickets to anyone else that might like to go, they don't want anything for them BUT they were due to take 2 other villagers in their car so it would be really helpful if whoever takes the tickets could offer the same lifts. If you are interested please speak to Mary, Joe or Joelle.

There are still tickets available for this concert and anyone wanting to go should contact Joelle, Sara Banks or Malcolm Gathercole as we can still get discounted rates.

Joelle  
Choir Administrator

### **Summer Shared Supper - 20th July**

Come and enjoy a relaxed summer evening at the vicarage, with food and fellowship on 20th July 6pm -9pm, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email the office to accept on

office @swaychurch .com

### Ray Fidler

We are sad to share the news that Ray, much loved by family and friends has died aged 95. His funeral will take place on July 2nd at 2.30pm at St Luke's Church with refreshments afterwards in the church rooms. Please pray for his family, giving thanks for Ray and also remembering his late wife Pat who died in 2021.

### New Forest Basics Food Bank



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



This is a charity that relies on generous support and donations to provide a service to those in need. You can help by donating food & consumables by dropping them off in the green box located at the back of church. Every little helps! Once the box is full we will arrange collection of the items. To find out more about urgent items that are most needed click on the link below.

[Food bank items in urgent need](#)

### Church Tent, New Forest and Hampshire County Show 2025

#### **Tues 29<sup>th</sup>, Wed 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

Volunteers are needed to **serve refreshments and welcome visitors** to our ever-popular church tent. This is an opportunity to come together as a Deanery to serve our community, promote the place and importance of our Parish Churches and share the hospitality of God with the thousands of people who visit the show. All volunteers get a free One Day Pass.

Volunteer sessions will be for 2½ hour starting 9am or 11.30am or 2pm. (There is no setting up or clearing away involved.) To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Mary Robinson at the Brockenhurst church office on 01590 624584 or email [Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com](mailto:Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com)

Volunteers are also needed for **Children's Craft Activities and Face painting.**

Please contact Gordon & Wendy on 07759175779 or email [gwh341@btinternet.com](mailto:gwh341@btinternet.com)

We rely on the support of all the churches in the Deanery and beyond for volunteers. Thank you!

### **Creative Space - Friday 27th June**



This month we plan to meet at 2 pm, on Friday 27 June, in Potters Field. This will be our third year at the field, and each time brings new delights: including wild flowers; trees: bark, leaves, pine cones; lichen; watching the grasses move back and forth in the breeze, hearing to the birds. This

year the daisies will be past their best because of the recent hot/dry weather, but there is always plenty to observe, sketch, paint, photograph or simply sit and enjoy the natural beauty and peace. All welcome.

[SIGN UP HERE for the next creative space](#)

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



Over 15 million people worldwide have now attended an Alpha course, an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world. 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](#)

If you would like to help at ALPHA we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office and let us know on 10590 682358 or [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com)

## Hire Our Church Rooms!



Having a party? Why not consider hiring the church rooms and garden - £15/hr. Some vacancies through the summer. Please ask in the church office or go online to see availability.

[CLICK HERE TO HIRE OUR CHURCH ROOMS](#)

## Crop Swap Basket!

CROP SWAP is a new Church and Community venture which asks Growers to donate their excess produce to the basket and asks the Community to help themselves! So, if you grow, please do put a bunch of something in the basket at some time during the season. Thank you.

### **10.30am Sunday Coffee Team Volunteers Needed!**

As you know we are looking for new volunteers to join our coffee team! If you think you can help please let the church office know - [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com) or 01590 682358 We would love to hear from you!

## **Mission News**



### **Supporting Our Link Parish in Rwanda: Another £3,000 Sent for Church Building**

Exciting progress continues in Kibirizi, our link parish in Rwanda, as parishioners work diligently to prepare the area around the church for further construction. While much remains to be done, we are thrilled to share that we have just sent an additional **£3,000** to support the ongoing building efforts.

This latest contribution comes from the generous proceeds of our recent Pop-up Charity Shop, online sales of donated items, further cash donations, and a **£1,000 contribution from Church Funds**. Since launching this appeal just before Christmas, we have collectively raised **almost £7,000**, supporting both the church's construction and the Pastor's salary.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone whose generosity has made this possible. Your kindness and commitment are helping to bring this vision to life.

Looking for another opportunity to contribute? Leftover items from the last sale will be available at the **Carnival Garage Sale** on **Saturday, 12th July**, in the Youth Centre Garden. Stop by to browse, purchase, and support this important mission!

Jonathan Elliott-Jones

## **PCC updates**

The PCC are excited to share the news that they have agreed to recruit a P/T worker to support families and the community from September 2025 for 1 morning/4hours per week. A job description and advert will be prepared soon.

### **Sway Carnival 2025!**

Lots is planned for the church to be fully involved in carnival activities this year with a circus theme. Please see below how you can get involved!

**Sign up sheets are now available at the back of church.**

This years theme is: LOVE AND TRUTH "**The Greatest Story Ever Told**" - Jesus is the ringmaster!

### **Saturday 5th July**

Volunteers are needed for 1 hour slots on the Jubilee Field in St Luke's Church Tent.

### **Monday 7th July**

9.30am-11am Volunteers needed to help with craft and refreshments at baby bump and toddler

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3pm-5pm Extra volunteers are needed to help with Messy Church

### **Friday 11th July**

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### **Saturday 12th July**

PARADE DAY - Please come and join in, hold a flag, wear a hat, carry a banner or dress up as a ringmaster!

Finally if you have any hidden circus talents such as jugglers or unicyclists please get in touch with us in the church office!

## **Coming up in the next week....**

<b>Monday 16th June</b>	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler
<b>Tuesday 17th June</b>	9am-9.30am	Parish Morning Prayers
	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am - 11.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
<b>Wednesday 18th June</b>	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	12pm- 1.30pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thursday 19th June</b>	9am-9.20am	Online Morning Prayer

	9am - 4pm	St Luke's Year 6 School Leavers Service at Winchester
	7pm-8pm	Band Practise
<b>Friday 20th June</b>	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler
	10am-11am	Friday Service
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Choir Practise

### **Sunday 22nd June**

9.30am Informal Service

11am Morning Service

### **Monday 23rd June**

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

### **Tuesday 24th June**

9am Parish Prayers

10am Community Gardening

10.30am SWAG Community Cafe

7.30pm Rwanda Trip Meeting

### **Wednesday 25th June**

9am Parish Prayers

### **Thursday 26th June**

9am Online Prayers

1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club

7pm Band Practise

### **Friday 27th June**

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

2pm Creative Space - Outdoors

2pm Sway Place Communion

### **Sunday 29th June**

10am Lisa Thomas Ordination Service in Winchester

11am Morning service

### **Monday 30th June**

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler

### **Tuesday 1st July**

10am Community gardening

10.30am Community Cafe

### **Wednesday 2nd July**

9am Parish Prayers

12pm Lunch Club

2.30pm Ray Fidler Funeral

### **Thursday 3rd July**

9am Online Morning Prayers

7pm Band Practise

**Friday 4th July**

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler

10am Friday Service

**Saturday 5th July - SWAY CARNIVAL**

10am - 3pm Church Tent

**Sunday 6th July**

9.30am Informal Service

11am Parish Communion

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