

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 17th May 2026



Last Sunday, St Luke's was buzzing with excitement as we held our very first Bubble Church, welcoming 15 families for a lively and joy-filled 30-minute service together! There was a wonderful atmosphere as families shared croissants and coffee, joined in with songs, puppets and Bible stories, and celebrated this exciting new chapter in the life of our church. The intergenerational feel of the morning was especially special, with all ages learning, laughing and worshipping together. One of the biggest highlights was everyone singing Our God is a Great Big God with enthusiastic actions! We explored the story of the Good Shepherd using cotton wool balls and thought about what it means to belong to Jesus' flock. It was fantastic to finally see all the team's hard work come to life, and we can't wait for the next Bubble Church on 14th June!

With thanks and every blessing,

Lizzy

Worship

Sunday 17th May 2026

Family Communion

Sermon Series: John's Gospel "I AM : Meeting Jesus Anew"

John 8: 12-20 I AM the Light of the World

First Reading: Acts 1: 6-11

9.30am Informal Service

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Taiwo Ogunjimi

11am Family Communion

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4pm Evensong

Leaders Revd Jane Mitchell & Jonathan Elliott-Jones

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Ken, Belinda and Alison

Thursday morning online prayers

A reflection on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and prayers using the church monthly prayer guide for the Parish - copies available at the back of church.

[CLICK HERE to join online prayers](#)

[CLICK HERE to see all of May 2026 Worship](#)

Paper copies for all services, including preaching themes are available at the back of church.

We are pleased to tell you that Revd. Kevin is feeling better and that Friday morning services at 10am have resumed. The next one is Friday 5th June at 10am.



Prayers

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.*

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

Mission Links, St Luke's School: For Open The Book team and for he assemblies led by church members. For the children to be curious and want to know more. For the festivals and services in church at Christmas Easter and Harvest times. For the children to come to know Jesus for themselves.

Please pray for;

Family of Barry Durrant

Rev Kevin

Family of Michelle Petty

Gillian Colsell

Lydia and family

Anne Johnson

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A Message from Phillip -The Bishop of Winchester



Dear Friends,

For this year's Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative, which marks the days from Ascension to Pentecost, we're hosting a service of worship and prayer on **16 May, 6:30pm, at Winchester Cathedral.**

We'd love to see as many people there as possible, praying for the renewal of the Holy Spirit for ourselves as well as for our churches and wider diocese, and for others to come to faith in Christ.

Worship will be led by young people from around our diocese, Bishop Philip will be preaching, sung worship will be wonderfully varied and ranging from the cathedral organ to Taizé, to time led by a worship band. There will also be prayer stations set up for creative personal prayer in the chapels.

We hope to see you there!

If you would like to watch via livestream then please use this link below.

[CLICK HERE to watch via livestream](#)

St Luke's Church Choir - A Date For Your Diary
Saturday 6th June at 12.30pm



Quinquennial Report 2025

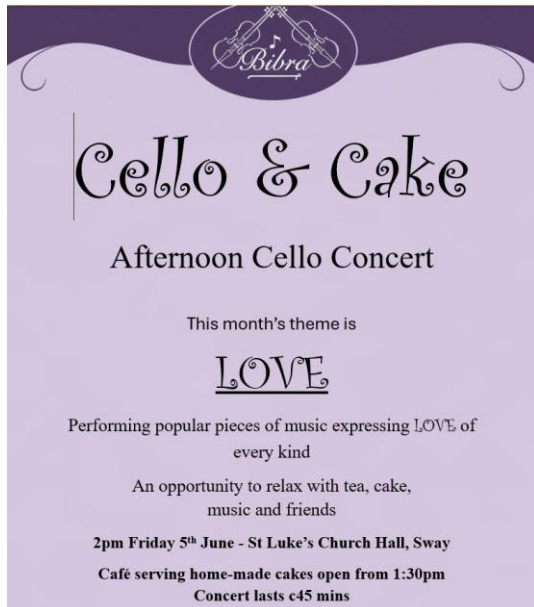
Our 2025 Quinquennial Report has just been received. Anyone that would like a copy please contact Sara in the church office on office@swaychurch.com alternatively have a chat with Russell our Church Warden who can tell you more.

Open Gardens Parking on Sunday 7th June

Just a reminder that Sunday 7th June is a busy day for parking in and around the church, and so there will be a coned off area in the YC car park for the church congregation only to use. Please keep these spaces free for members of the congregation attending services that need to park near to the church. Thank you.

Cello Concert Friday 5th June 2pm

FREE ENTRANCE with donations via a retiring collection



Sway Carnival Fete Saturday 4th July

Debbie Hull is kindly organising our stall at the fete this year. If you can help in any way on the day please let her know or Sara in the office as she will soon be putting a rota together.

We are also in need of a gazebo to loan for this event - if anyone has a 3 x 3 gazebo to lend us please let Sara in the office know ASAP.

Church Land/Youth Centre

NEW joint Working Group update

The joint working group has met and agreed recommended heads of terms for agreement by each council independently, and the intention is to have this agreement from both parties in place before the end of May. At this point lawyers will be instructed to draw up the draft lease for review. The heads of terms will be published at the point they are agreed in full.

Basics Food Bank

We warmly encourage everyone to keep supporting the Basics Food Bank, (box at the back of church) which provides vital help to people in our local community who are facing hardship.

Donations of non-perishable food and essential household items are always greatly appreciated and make a real difference to those in need.

We are also looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take the donated items to the food bank in Lyminster once a month. If you are able

to help with this important task, please do get in touch with Sara in the church office on 01590 682358

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Urgent Prayer Requests



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URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE

If you are in need of urgent prayer please contact Revd. Jane on **07885505532** or the church office on **01590 682358** or email Jennie on **mcaughthome@protonmail.com**

We will arrange for our urgent prayer circle to pray for those in need.

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 mcaughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families



We can't wait for the next Bubble Church on 14th June!
[SIGN UP HERE for Bubble Church 14th June](#)

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 18th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 19th May	10.30am SWAG Cafe 7pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 20th May	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book 7pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting
Thursday 21st May	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 22nd May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals

Future Dates:

Sunday 24th May	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship
Monday 25th May	Spring Bank Holiday Half Term - Office Closed
Tuesday 26th May	Office Closed 10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 27th May	Office Open 9am Parish Morning Prayers
Thursday 28th May	Office Open 9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 29th May	Office Open 2pm Creative Space 11.30am Birchy Hill Communion 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals
Saturday 30th May	12pm Wedding Scott and Laura
Sunday 31st May	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Monday 1st June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 2nd June	10.30am SWAG Cafe

Wednesday 3rd June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 4th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 5th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals
Saturday 6th June	12.30pm St Luke's Choir Lunchtime Concert
Sunday 7th June	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion

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

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