

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 10th May 2026**



Bubble Church arrives at St Luke's this Sunday!

There's a real buzz of excitement as we look forward to welcoming Bubble Church this Sunday! This fun, faith-filled service is specially designed for young families, full of joy, laughter, and worship. We can't wait to open our doors to new families and share in this wonderful time together. Let's keep all the helpers and organisers in our prayers as they prepare to make Sunday a joyful and spirit-filled celebration for everyone.

Worship

Sunday 10th May 2026

Morning Worship

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

John 6: 32-40 I am the Bread of Life.

First Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13 -end

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith

11am Morning Worship

Leader Sue Cornwell & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Sheila, Rae and Lucy.

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 will resume on 15th May.



Prayers

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

For the prayer life of St Luke's ; we give thanks for the rhythm of prayer and those who pray for the needs of the world. We pray for the management and enabling of prayer in the lives of all those who worship and work at St Luke's. Let us pray now for what God has placed on our hearts and minds.

Sad News Barry Durrant

It is with great sadness that we learnt this week that Barry Durrant passed away on 24th April. Barry was part of the Thursday online prayer group for the last 6 yrs since COVID. The family have taken comfort that he is now reunited with Jenny his wife, and our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Funeral details to follow.

Please pray for;

*Family of Barry Durrant
Rev Kevin
Family of Michelle Petty
Gillian Colsell
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson
Families & leaders at Bubble Church*

Church News

Results Of The APCM 28th April 2026

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM the following were elected;
Church Wardens

Janet Kirk and Russell Fry

Lay Members Of The Deanery Synod

Hazel Gillet and Jonathan Elliott-Jones

Lay Members Of The PCC

Peter Backhurst, Barry Cornwell, Sandra Clarke, Colin Denman, Warren Breach

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM this year.

We are pleased to share the results from the meeting and are grateful to all those who have taken on roles and responsibilities for the coming year. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope and a shared commitment to our church and community. We look forward to the year ahead and to continuing our work together in faith and fellowship.

A Message from Phillip -The Bishop of Winchester



Dear Friends,

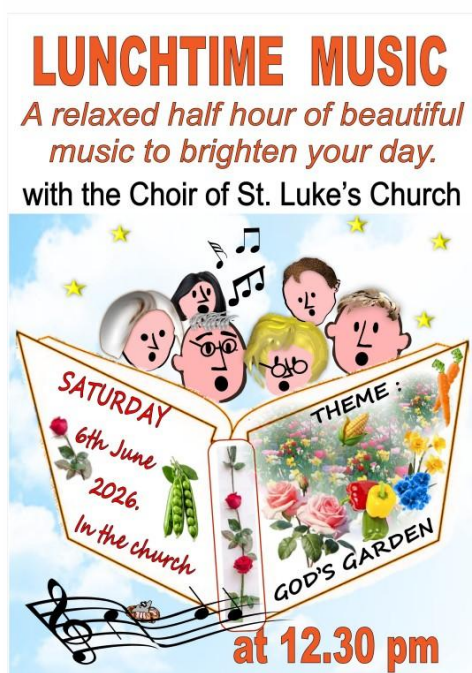
For this year's Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative, which marks the days from Ascension to Pentecost, we're hosting a service of worship and prayer on **16 May, 6:30pm, at Winchester Cathedral.**

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!

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.

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.

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 Lymington 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
mcnaughthome@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 mcnaughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families

Bubble Church arrives THIS SUNDAY 10th May 2026 at 9.15am!
[SIGN UP HERE for Bubble Church!](#)



Mission News

Food for Thought – A Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped make last Saturday's fundraising lunch such a wonderful success. The soups, the food, and the warm welcome created a lovely atmosphere, and David Moynagh's talk was deeply appreciated. There was a real sense of joy in the room.

With some late donations included, the total raised so far is **£1,750**, including around **£300** in Gift Aid. Together with an additional **£1,500** from PCC funds, we

have sent **£3,250** to our link parish of **Kibirizi** to support their church building project.

£3,250 down - around **£14,000** to go.

Imagine worshipping every Sunday in a borrowed space, miles from your village, because your church building is deemed unsafe. Imagine trying to run youth groups, Bible studies, and community gatherings without a place to meet. That has been the reality for our brothers and sisters in Kibirizi since their church was closed.

And yet — they have not lost heart. They have begun rebuilding with extraordinary determination. The walls are up. The porch is complete. One rainwater tank is in place. What they need now is the final push to finish the work.

This is where we can stand with them. £10 buys bricks. £50 helps with windows. £1,000 provides another water tank. Every gift is a step towards a church that can once again ring with worship, laughter, and life.

We can help them open those doors again. If you can support the project, thank you — it truly matters

Jonathan

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 11th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 12th May	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 13th May	9am Parish Morning Prayers 2.30pm Christian Meditation 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 14th May	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club 6.30pm Ascension Day Service

Friday 15th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals
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Future Dates:

Sunday 17th May	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong
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
Saturday 23rd May	
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

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

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