

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 14th June 2026



Many thanks to those of you who came to the Lunchtime Music last Saturday. The theme, God's Garden, was well represented by a variety of songs.

The choir, now well over 30 strong, sang with great ease John Rutter's All things bright and beautiful and Martin How's arrangement of Fairest Lord Jesus. This was followed by soprano Joelle Locke singing with great clarity and poise a lovely folksong, God's Garden, written at the beginning of the last century.

The audience then joined in with great enthusiasm Percy Grainger's English Country Garden, whistling on cue, singing the verse and listening to the choir jazz up the song with some scat singing.

We finished with the lyrical love song Fields of Gold, written in 4 parts, by Sting, which everyone enjoyed, both choir and audience.

As the final hymn, For the beauty of the earth, faded, listeners departed with fun and joy in their hearts, already looking forward to the next musical gathering.

A generous £300 was raised to support the cost of putting on these musical events.

A big thank you from Rosemary and the choir.

Worship

Sunday 14th June 2026

Morning Worship

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

John 10: 11-21 I AM The Good Shepherd

First Reading : Psalm 116:9-17

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Chris Guinness

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 & Hazel

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 June Worship](#)

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

Prayers**The Second Sunday after Trinity**

*Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

For overseas visits and protection on travel and itineraries. For the Mission Sunday services and being part of the global mission of God. For each team member and their contributions to mission overseas and nearer to home. For CAP Christians Against Poverty and other charities we support.

Please pray for;

Sally Banks

Family of Roger Old

Merilyn Christian-Edwards

*Gillian Colsell
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson*

Church News

Funeral of Roger Old

Roger's funeral will take place at St Luke's Church on **Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm**. Please keep Roger's family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

Creative Space Friday 26th June

For June's Creative Space, we are invited to the home of Russell Fry - one of St Luke's Church Wardens. This will be a longer session - from 11.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. and you are welcome to drop in and out as you wish. There will be a short literary exercise, optional of course. Otherwise, you will be free to wander the gardens, summer houses and seats to find inspiration for your personal creative project; or, you can simply relax and take time to reflect.

Beverages provided; bring your own lunch. We look forward to seeing you.

It will be helpful if you register via Church Suite, or call the Church Office on 01590 682358 - particularly if you need directions to Russell's home.

[Sign Up Here for Creative Space](#)

Lisa Thomas Ordained as Priest - Saturday 27th June 4pm

We are delighted to share that Lisa Thomas will be ordained priest on Saturday 27th June at 4pm at Winchester Cathedral. Please keep Lisa in your prayers as she prepares for this special occasion. You are welcome to attend in person or if you would like to watch online then please do so using this link for Winchester services;

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/worship/service-listings/>

Bring and Share Picnic Lunch - Mission Sunday 28th June 12pm

We're delighted that **Stewart Lake**, Compassion's local representative, will be with us on **Sunday 28th June** to share more about their life-changing work at our **11am service** – our only service that day.

Compassion UK works with local churches around the world to support children living in poverty. Through sponsorship, a child receives education, healthcare, good food, and the care of their church community. It's a simple, personal way of helping a young life grow in hope and opportunity.

We will be making a collection on the day in support of their work.

You're also warmly invited to join us for our **Bring and Share Picnic Lunch**, after the service. It will be a lovely chance to enjoy time together and to hear more about how Compassion is making a difference.'

Sign up at the back of church or let Sara in the Church Office know your are coming.

All welcome.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Sway Carnival - Taste and see that the Lord is Good!

Friday July 3rd to Sunday July 12th, 2026

Have a look to see how St Luke's Church is getting involved with Sway Carnival!



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 Debbie know or Sara in the office or sign up at the back of church on the Sway Carnival Fete Church Rota.**

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.

Deanery Church Tent, New Forest and Hampshire County Show 2026

Tues 28th, Wed 29th and Thurs 30th July 2026

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.

Volunteer sessions for teas and welcomers will be for 2½ hour starting 9am or 11.30am or 2pm.

Revd David Potterton has been our church tent supervisor on all 3 days, but this year David may not be available due to imminent spinal surgery; so this year we are looking for help for each day from people with knowledge and experience of the show to act as **supervisor to oversee for a whole day**. A lunch voucher will be provided.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Mary Robinson at the Brockenhurst church office on 01590 624584 or email Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com

Volunteers are also needed for **Children's Craft Activities and Facepainting**, where the sessions will be morning 9.30 to 1.00 or afternoon 1.00 to 4.30.

To volunteer for this please contact Gordon & Wendy on 07759175779 or email gwh341@btinternet.com

All volunteers get a free One Day Pass.

Youth Centre Lease Agreement

Joint working group PCC and Parish Council update

We are delighted to confirm that the draft heads of terms which were drawn up and recommended by this group, have been formally approved by both Sway Parish Council and St Luke's Parochial Church Council at their respective meetings. Both parties will now instruct their lawyers, as we move to the drafting of the new long lease for the Sway Youth Centre, which we intend to have ready for signing before the end of 2026.

Focus will now turn to the development of proposals for investment in the building and associated funding. We encourage residents to continue their engagement with us in shaping the future of this valued community building. There will be regular updates and opportunities for feedback from residents as the proposals develop.

Update on Merilyn Christian-Edwards

Merilyn has now been moved to Southampton Hospital, and asks for prayer for healing following infection. Please remember Merilyn and Michael in your prayers and we all send our love at this distressing time.

Potters Field

Clive and Christine Potter kindly extend an invitation to church members to visit, rest and walk round Potters Field, Chapel Lane in Sway. The Ox-eye Daisies are at their best at the moment. Well behaved dogs are welcome!

Recycling Boxes - back of church

Please remember to use the recycling boxes at the back of the church whenever possible, helping us to care for God's creation and keep our church environmentally friendly. Here you can recycle; plastic milk bottle tops, bras, stamps, paper and card, used batteries, coins and currency, mobile phones, camera, gadgets and jewellery.

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.

Thank you to Malcolm Clayton who has kindly volunteered to collect items and take them to the food bank.

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.

Children and Families

Bubble Church is on **THIS Sunday 14th June**. Use the links below to sign up now! We look forward to seeing you there!

[SIGN UP HERE for the next Bubble Church on Sunday 14th June](#)

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 15th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 16th June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 17th June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 18th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 19th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service

Future Dates:

Sunday 21st June	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong
Monday 22nd June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 23rd June	10.30am SWAG Cafe 2pm Funeral of Roger Old
Wednesday 24th June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book

Thursday 25th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise 7pm Church Warden Service at The Priory Christchurch
Friday 26th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group Creative Space from 11 am
Saturday 27th June	4pm Lisa Thomas Ordained Winchester Cathedral
Sunday 28th June Mission Sunday	11am Morning Service with Guest Speaker from Compassion UK 12.30pm Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in Church Rooms & Garden
Monday 29th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 30th June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 1st July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 2nd July	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 3rd July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 4th July	12.30pm Wedding Nick and Sarah

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

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