

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 21st June 2026

Here is an update from our wonderful gardening team.

Dear Church Family and Visitors

Another Wedding will grace our Church and grounds on 4th July - how lovely that so many wild flowers are thriving in our churchyard, that the beds in the Church Rooms garden are so well tended and the Garden of Remembrance is so neat and inviting for prayer.

We've been passing through a patch of damp and windy weather - seeds will have spread and twigs and branches will be on the ground (there's always something for the Gardening Team to do!). The daffodil patch has calmed down but the green by the railings, noticeboard and lime trees 🌳 is definitely in need of a haircut!

Around the East end of Church the high hedge is sprouting in its inimitable early summer way. That job is also definitely on the list.

Have you wandered through the New Churchyard lately? Or seen the water feature behind the Youth Centre bank? Or stopped awhile in the Garden perhaps during Community Cafe on a Tuesday morning? All are well worth the 10-minute detour. And we might even be around the corner to greet you 👋

Would you like to use our clippers and give us a hand? Let us know by mentioning to Sara that you have an odd half-hour to spare. You'll like the sense of achievement we all get from gardening at our Church.

Best wishes,

St Luke's Church Gardening Team

We give thanks for all the volunteers who care for the church gardens and churchyard. You are really very much appreciated.

Vicar Jane

Worship

Sunday 21st June 2026

Family Communion

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

John 11: 17-27 I AM The Resurrection and the Life

First Reading: Romans 6: 1-11

9.30am Informal Worship

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Peter Blick

11am Family Communion

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4pm Evensong

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Ken, Sara & Rachel

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 Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,

look on this wounded world

in pity and in power;

hold us fast to your promises of peace

won for us by your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

For Sway PC, New Forest District Council. Lord we pray for our Council at County, Ward and Parish levels, and for Members of Parliament. Thank you for those who serve in local government. We pray for the leaders that you give them wisdom in making decisions that impact the lives of so many people.

Please pray for;

Family of Roger Old

Merilyn Christian-Edwards - Merilyn is now home but please continue to pray for her recovery

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.

Bring and Share Picnic Lunch - Mission Sunday 28th June

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 or click on the link below to sign up on church suite.

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

All welcome.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Sally Banks

We are pleased to hear that Sally is doing well and with aid, she is able to walk up and down the road where she lives. We thank everyone for their prayers and give thanks for her recovery.

The Cost of Running our Church

Our church is sustained by the generosity of parishioners and supporters who give their time, talents and financial contributions throughout the year. **THANK YOU!** Many people are surprised to learn just how many different costs are involved in maintaining our worship, ministry, buildings and community life.

To help everyone better understand how your giving supports the life of the parish, we are introducing a regular feature in Parish News called "**The Cost of Running our Church**"

Each week we will highlight one item, service or project and explain what it costs over the course of a year. Some costs are familiar, such as flowers for Christmas and Easter, while others happen behind the scenes, including building inspections, insurance, licences, maintenance, utilities and hospitality.

We hope this feature will provide a clearer picture of the practical costs of parish life and encourage informed and prayerful giving. Every contribution, large or small, helps us continue our worship, mission and service to the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish. The very best way to support the life of the St Luke's is to make monthly contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme. link www.parishgiving...

Currently we are managing all our finances as best we can but there is a monthly deficit of around £2000 for our general running costs. Please help if you can.

Peter Blick Treasurer

Lisa Thomas

We are delighted to share that Lisa Thomas will be licensed as Chaplain to Winchester Crown Court during Evensong at Winchester Cathedral on **Saturday 20th June at 5.30pm.**

Lisa serves at the courts one day each week as part of this important ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the service and support Lisa as she begins this new role

We are also 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/>

Creative Space Friday 26th June

For June's Creative Space, we are invited to the home of our Church Warden Russell Fry. 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. 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.

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

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.

The People's Emergency Briefing Wednesday 15th July 7.30pm

We are writing to invite you and members of St Luke's Church PCC and Congregation to attend a local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate. To find out more please click on the link below.

[INVITATIONStLukesChurch.pdf](#)

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.

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.

ALPHA Dates 2026!



*After the success of last years APLHA course we are running the course again this coming September. The course will run for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm -8.45pm** ending with an away morning on Saturday 17th October. If you would like to sign up please do so using the link below.*

<https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/j5kld5tm>



Many congratulations to Debbie on completing the BCM Church Without Walls course with Winchester Diocese! Debbie has a heart for mission! Debbie worships at the 9.30 service, sings in Charlie' s group and led one of the groups at Alpha last year. She is also hosting the church table at the Village fete on July 4th. If you would you like to join her we need 3 more volunteers! Please sign up at the back of church.

Date for your diary!

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

Debbie Hull -BCM Church without walls.

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 mчнаughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families

The next **Messy Church is on 6th July at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/d9cmnvxz>

The next **Bubble Church is on 12th July** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/2nriqksz>

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Sunday 28th June 12.30pm Bring and share Picnic Lunch

Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm ALPHA Starts

Sunday 27th September Harvest Sunday and Lunch

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 Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise 7pm Church Warden Service at The Priory Christchurch

Thursday 25th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 26th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group Creative Space from 11am
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

Future Dates:

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 SWAY CARNIVAL WEEK	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 4th July	12.30pm Wedding Nick and Sarah
Sunday 5th July	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion
Monday 6th July	9.30am Carnival Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church

Tuesday 7th July	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 8th July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 9th July	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 10th July	9.30am Carnival Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 11th July	Sway Carnival Procession!

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

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