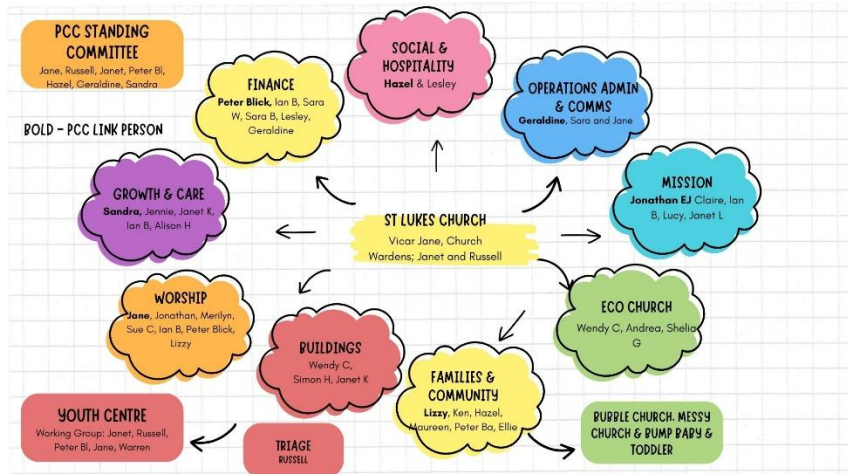


WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 12th July 2026



Getting to Know Your PCC and Ministry Teams

Have you ever wondered how the many aspects of church life at St Luke's are organised? The diagram below gives an overview of our **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** and the ministry teams that help support and develop the life of our church.

At the heart of the diagram is **St Luke's Church**, with our Vicar, Jane, and Churchwardens, Janet and Russell, working alongside the PCC to provide leadership and oversight. The PCC has responsibility for the mission, ministry and practical life of the church, but much of its work is carried out through a number of dedicated teams.

Worship

Sunday 12th July 2026

Morning Worship - Giving Thanks for Sway Carnival.

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

John 15: 1-17 I AM The True Vine

First Reading: Psalm 119: 105-112

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Chris Guinness

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith and The Bubble Church Team

11am Morning Worship with Thanksgiving for Sway Carnival

Leader Sue Cornwell & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church

Join Us for Online Thursday Prayers 9am

Everyone is warmly invited to join our informal online Thursday Prayers, led by Vicar Jane.

Each Thursday we gather on Zoom for a relaxed time of prayer and reflection. Jane shares a short reflection on the Bible passage for the week, we pray for people and events in the Church calendar, and there is also an opportunity to include any prayer requests that are shared.

To keep things simple and comfortable, we keep our cameras turned off while Jane leads the prayers, making it easy for anyone to join from home, whether you'd like to listen quietly or pray along.

Please note that we have a new Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73536322523?pwd=NTRJgH72I8MRaLFus0Ea6yUXSbBieg.1>

CLICK below to see all of July & August worship

[JULY WORSHIP 2026.pdf](#)

[AUGUST WORSHIP 2026.pdf](#)

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

Prayers

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

*Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord*

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

Lord we thank you for each of our congregations, those on a Sunday and those during the week. We pray for your blessing Lord on initiatives that open up opportunities for a deeper engagement to grow in you and each other in word and spirit. We pray for those doing training courses with the Diocese.

Please pray for;

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

Gillian Colsell

Lydia and family

Anne Johnson

Church News

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

Sway Carnival Procession - This Saturday!

We would love members of the St Luke's congregation to join us as we walk together in costume, although you are very welcome to wear something colourful or sweet-themed if you'd like!



The Cost of Running Our Church

As part of our regular feature, we'd like to highlight some of the items and projects that the church has funded this month.

This month we have purchased:

- **St Luke's School Year 6 Leavers' Books** – *It's Your Move - A Christian Guide to Starting Secondary School* **£75**
- **Bubble Church T-shirts** for our volunteers and team **£50**
- **Quinquennial Report Survey** to investigate the crack in the parapet wall as part of the care and maintenance of our church building **£450**

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of any of these items, whether in full or in part, we would be very grateful. You can do this using the link below or through your own parish giving account if you have one. Every gift helps us continue our ministry, care for our buildings and invest in the life of our church and community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/sway-lymington>

Sway Carnival Fete July 2026

A blessed time had by all at the carnival fete on Saturday at our church stall. We were extremely popular with the hook a duck paddling pool, the bubble machine on the go and the star of the show Jesus from "Bubble Church." We were also able to offer shelter for folk out of the sun where wonderful spiritual conversations could be heard springing up. Thank you everyone who came and joined us and for serving. Such an honour to be present 'Beyond Church Walls' in the community. Praise God.

Debbie

Huge thanks to Debbie Hull for all her organising and setting up on the day!

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 Thur 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

Thank you.

Creative Space Friday 31st July 2pm - Make your mark !

This month, Annabel has kindly agreed to explain to us what she has been learning recently, and how her artwork has developed as a result.

Our suggested theme is water: the water of life; a fountain, or waterfall; imagine being by the sea, on a riverbank, watching the ripples in a pool...

We aim to have a variety of mark-making tools available, as well as some poster and acrylic paint, pastels, pencils/charcoal; some palettes, A4 paper. Do bring your own materials though if you are able to and/or prefer to do so – as well as anything you'd like to use in the mark-making process (*helpful to bring your own old toothbrush!).

All welcome – refreshments offered. As always, you may simply join us for fellowship - there is no obligation to create something. If you are able to register via Church Suite using the link below to sign up – or by telephoning the church office **01590 682358** to let Sara know you'll be coming – that's really helpful for catering. We look forward to seeing you.

[Click HERE to sign up https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/nu6kprs2](https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/nu6kprs2)

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. To find out more or to sign up please visit our website page using the link below.*

<https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/welcome/alpha-course/>



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, and 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.

Mission

Compassion Sunday: A Celebration of Generosity, Partnership, and Hope

Compassion Sunday was one of those occasions that quietly reminds us who we are as a church family people who gather, worship, share food, and then turn all of that warmth outward into real, practical love.

Thanks to your kindness, **£410** was given on the day (including Gift Aid). When combined with **£300** from church funds, we are sending **£710** to support the Kigeme project we visited last year.

If you were moved by Stewart's words or if you'd simply like to know more we have details of several children in Kigeme who are still waiting for a sponsor. Please speak to **Jonathan**, or contact **Sara in the office**, and we'll be delighted to share more information.

Celebrating Bev Cannon's Ministry in Ecuador

Many will remember **Bev Cannon (formerly Richardson)**, a much-loved former member of our congregation and our long-standing **Mission Partner in Cuenca, Ecuador**. Since first being sent out as Pioneer Mission Partner in **2018**, initially in

Paraguay, our church has faithfully supported Bev's ministry through **CMS**, and we give thanks for all that God has done through her in South America.

Bev will be **retiring from CMS** at the end of July, but her mission and ministry in Ecuador **will continue**. As a church, we have agreed to send a **£500 leaving gift** to mark her retirement and express our gratitude. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, please do so via the church office or by clearly marking your donation "*Bev Cannon - Leaving Gift*".

For those who wish to **support Bev directly** in her ongoing ministry after her CMS retirement, she is able to receive personal donations through her **UK bank account**. Details are available from the church office.

Bev will also continue to share updates from Cuenca. You can follow her work and the life of the church at: www.cuencachristianchurch.com
Please continue to hold Bev in your prayers as she enters this new chapter of faithful service.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Children and Families

The next **Messy Church is on 13th 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>

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm ALPHA Starts

Sunday 27th September Harvest Sunday and Lunch

Please note the church office will close for the summer holidays on Thursday 23rd July until Tuesday 1st September. However it will open for a couple of hours each week kindly covered by volunteers - more detail to follow.

Next Week:

Monday 13th July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 14th July	9.30am St Luke's School Yr 6 Leavers Service 10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 15th July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 16th July	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 17th July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 18th July	
Sunday 19th July	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong

Future Dates:

Monday 20th July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Bump Baby and Toddler school Leavers Service in Church
Tuesday 21st July	10.30am SWAG Cafe 7pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 22nd July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book

Thursday 23rd July Summer Holidays begins for St Luke's School	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 24th July	
Saturday 25th July	
Sunday 26th July	
Monday 27th July Office closed for the summer	
Tuesday 28th July	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 29th July	9am Parish Morning Prayers
Thursday 30th July	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 31st July	2pm Creative Space

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

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