

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 11th October



Patrons Evensong – Next Sunday 18th October, 4pm

We warmly invite you to join us for **Patrons Evensong** as we celebrate the **Feast of St Luke** on **Sunday 18th October at 4pm**.

Evensong has long been one of the treasures of Anglican worship , a gentle, reflective service where scripture, prayer, and music come together in a way that lifts the heart and steadies the soul. Many find it a moment of real peace and beauty in the midst of a busy week.

*After the service, we'll share **tea and cake** in the Church Rooms , a chance to enjoy time together and mark our patronal festival with warmth and good company.*

All are welcome to this joyful and much-loved occasion.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Worship

Sunday 11th October 2026

Morning Worship

Psalms for Hope and Encouragement

Psalm 121 When we need God's help

Matthew 22: 1-14

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Chris Guinness

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith

11am Morning Worship

Leader and Speaker Sue Cornwell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Jane G Hazel and Sheila

If you would like to volunteer to help with serving coffee on a Sunday please let Sara in the office know - we are always grateful for more helpers!

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/75034314218?pwd=gKaUgEZhp78KEddn1CrKI9kbqU6B7u.>

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Paper copies for October worship are available at the back of church.

Here is a copy of the readings for ALL Sunday Services from 11th October until 20th December 2026 - paper copies at the back of church

[Readings Sunday Services.pdf](#)

Prayers

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Please pray for;

Barry Cornwell

Sue Cornwell as she is commissioned as a Lay Minister

For volunteers at Basics Food Bank and the families they serve

Ellie John as she begins her new ministry work

Church Finances

Lydia and family

ALPHA guests and leaders

Church News

Congratulations to Sue!



We are delighted to share the news that **Sue will be commissioned as a Lay Minister** at the Lay Ministries Service on **Saturday 10 October at 11.00 am.**

Sue has worked hard to complete the requirements for this ministry, and we are very pleased to see her reach this important milestone. We would like to offer Sue our warmest congratulations and assure her of our prayers and support as she begins this new chapter of ministry.

Everyone is warmly invited to join Sue for the commissioning service. If you are able to attend in person, it would be wonderful to have members of our parish there to support and encourage her. If you are unable to attend in person, there will also be an opportunity to **join the service online**.

Here is the link to join online;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QfjCSacvZ4>

Please do come along, in person or online, and help us celebrate Sue and give thanks for her ministry among us.

Lyndhurst Deanery Evensong

The annual **Lyndhurst Deanery Evensong**, a traditional service following the pattern from the Book of Common Prayer, will this year be at **Beaulieu Abbey Church on Sunday 11th October**.

This occasion gives local musical voices the opportunity to join together and encourage one another, making wonderful music and worshipping as one.

All congregations, Clergy and Readers / LLM's from around the Deanery will be most welcome to join with us for the service at **5.30pm**.

We are very grateful to the Rector, Rev. Catherine Cowie, Mike Noble, and the team at Beaulieu Abbey Church for welcoming us this year.

We very much look forward to being with as many people who would like to come.

Timothy Rice

ALPHA continues this week on Wednesday 14th October at 2.30pm and 6.45pm - please continue to pray for our guests and helpers.

Children's Society Coffee Morning



This year our Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday, October 17th**. As usual it will be held at my house Hillside, Middle Road from **10am till 12noon**. There will be coffee and cakes, Christmas cards for sale, a cake stall and a raffle. Please come and support this very worthy charity which does an enormous amount of work with children and specifically young adults.

See you there.

Janet Lealan

Festal Evensong on 18th October 4pm

We warmly invite you to join us for **Festal Evensong on Sunday 18th October at 4pm** a beautiful service of music, prayer and reflection, and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family.

Mission Sunday 22nd November

Sunday 22nd November is Mission Sunday, and we will be taking a special collection in support of The Children's Society, helping to support vulnerable children and young people.

Dates for your Diary 2027!



A Big Thank You!

A big thank you to Robert, Mike, Janet, Sara and Russell for all their hard work and help in dismantling and cleaning the church garden gazebo. Thanks to their time and effort, the gazebo has now been dismantled, cleaned and safely packed away for the winter.

We are very grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help. Your support and willingness to lend a hand are greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for a job well done!

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

Table Tennis Table - Free to a good home!

There is a small size outdoor table tennis table, which was donated by Taiwo and family, that is free to a good home! It is currently in the church rooms garden - please let Sara in the office know ASAP if you would like it.

Mission



Providing food and other essentials for people in need across the New Forest.



Renewed Partnership: Lymington Basics Bank

St Luke's PCC have agreed we should renew and strengthen our Mission partnership with **Lymington Basics Bank**. As we continue supporting our overseas partners, we also want to stand alongside those in need right here in Lymington. We have supported Basics Bank in various ways over the years; this new link builds on that history and deepens our commitment to helping local people in crisis.

What Basics Bank Does

- Provides emergency food parcels and essential household items
- Supports families during school holidays
- Offers a warm, confidential welcome to anyone facing hardship

How We'll Support

- Monthly collections of food and toiletries
- Seasonal appeals
- Ongoing prayer for volunteers and the families they serve

A collection point is available in the Church, with a monthly list of most-needed items. Click on the link below to see an updated list of most needed items.

[Food+Items+required.pdf](#)

Volunteering Opportunities There are flexible roles in sorting donations, welcoming clients, driving, and admin. Even a small amount of time can make a real difference.

This partnership is a natural next step in our long-standing relationship with Basics Bank — a practical way for St Luke's to serve our neighbours with compassion and generosity.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Children and Families

Bump Baby and Toddler Group

It's been wonderful welcoming so many new families to our Bump, Baby & Toddler Group over the past few weeks, alongside our familiar faces! We've been embracing

autumn with lots of colourful crafts, including decorating hedgehogs, pumpkins and leaves to hang at home, and creating beautiful autumn coloured suncatchers. The children have also enjoyed exploring playdough, pasta and colourful bobbles in our tuff tray, whilst our grown-ups have been enjoying the opportunity to have a hot coffee and a friendly chat.

It's lovely to see our church toddler group continuing to grow, providing a welcoming space for families to come together, build friendships and feel part of the wonderful church community we have here at St Luke's. We look forward to sharing more fun and fellowship in the coming weeks!

Katie

The next **Bubble Church is on Sunday 11th October** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/dvxolsvj>

The next **Messy Church is on Monday 12th October at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/ro4tjywx>

Next Week:

Monday 12th October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 13th October	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 14th October	9am Parish Morning Prayers 10am Spiritual Directors Gathering In Church 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm Christian Meditation 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 15th October	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 16th October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service

Saturday 17th October	10am ALPHA Morning in Church 10am-12pm Children's Society Coffee Morning At Hillside, Middle Road
Sunday 18th October	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Festal Evensong

Future

Monday 19th October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 20th October	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 21st October	9am Parish morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 22nd October	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 23rd October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 24th October	
Sunday 25th October	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship

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

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