

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 6th September



*Welcome back to the first Newsletter of September and a new season about to begin. I hope you've had a lovely summer. This week we mark the start of **Creationtide**, giving thanks for the beauty of God's creation and thinking about how we can care for our world. We'll be keeping all the children returning to St Luke's School in our prayers, along with those who are starting exciting new adventures at new schools, colleges and universities. Looking ahead, we're delighted to be welcoming people to ALPHA, which begins next week on the 9th September a great opportunity to explore life and faith together. If you would like to sign up for the afternoon or evening group please contact me in the church office.*

We look forward to seeing you!

Love and Prayers,

Sara

Worship

Sunday 6th September 2026

Creationtide Week 1

Parish Communion

The Earth Is the Lord's

Genesis 1:24-31

Matthew 18:15-20

9.30am Informal Service

Leader Peter Blick & Speaker Revd. Kevin Smith

11am Parish Communion

Leader Ian Burnham & Speaker Revd. Kevin Smith

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

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=NTRJgH72l8MRaLFus0Ea6yUXSbBieg.1>

CLICK below to see all of September worship



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

Prayers

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

We pray for St Luke's School, Little Flyers Pre-School, Nurseries, Primary and Secondary schools across the New Forest. We pray for all young people and their families. We pray for the chaplains in schools and for all those who work in education.

Please pray for;

Family of Gillian Colsell

Family of Peter Harness

Merilyn Christian-Edwards

Lydia and family

Anne Johnson

Taiwo, Ade and family as they begin a new chapter in Canada

Children returning to and starting St Luke's School

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Peter Harness. We remember Peter with affection and give thanks for his life. At this very sad time, we hold his family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers, asking God to give them comfort and strength.

Peter's funeral will be held in church on **17th September at 2.30 pm**. May he rest in peace.

Church News

ALPHA Starts this coming Wednesday 9th September 2.30pm & 6.45pm!



ALPHA begins again this coming Wednesday with two small groups, one in the afternoon at 2.30pm and one in the evening at 6.45pm. The course will run for 6 weeks starting ending with an away morning on Saturday 17th October. If you would like to join one of these groups please contact Sara in the office.

Creationtide 1st September 2026 - 4th October 2026



This September, St Luke's will be marking **Creationtide** over four weeks, as we reflect on God's wonderful creation and our responsibility to care for it. The season will culminate in our **Church Family Harvest Lunch** on **Sunday 27th September**.

If you'd like to explore this theme more deeply, the Diocese is offering an online **Carbon Literacy for Congregations** course.

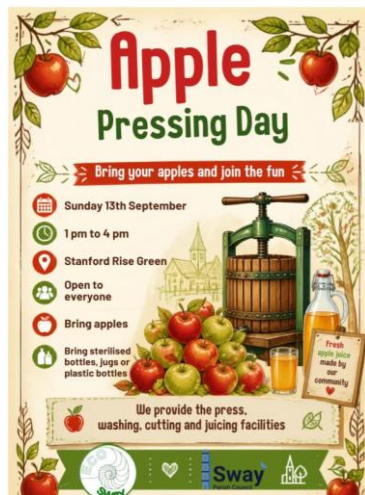
The course runs on **five Tuesday evenings** (8, 15, 22 & 29 September, and 6 October), from **6.30–8.30pm**.

To find out more and book your place, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-literacy-for-congregations-online-creation-time-2026-tickets-1991352776761>

Apple Pressing Day - Sunday 13th September!

Bring along your apples and join in for Apple Pressing Day on **13th September**! It's a wonderful chance to turn your home-grown apples into delicious fresh apple juice, while enjoying a fun day together. **Everyone is very welcome — so gather your apples and come along!**



Sustainable Church Flowers Festival

We're delighted to share news of the **Sustainable Church Flowers Festival**, taking place on **19th and 20th September, from 10am–4pm**, at **St Anne's Catholic Church in Brockenhurst**. Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays while discovering more about sustainable flower arranging. All are very welcome!



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.

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.



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.

In the last two months we have paid for:

- **Boiler Service £90**
- **Bump Baby & Toddler Moving up to School Books £100**
- **Communion wine £200**

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>

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



The next **Bubble Church** is on **Sunday 13th September** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/oh2cmx9b>

The next **Messy Church** is on **Monday 14th September** at **3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/e5nxdli>



Mission

Please see the email below from Bev Cannon, who would like to thank

everyone in the congregation for the thoughtful retirement gift and for their kindness and generosity.

Dear Jane,

On behalf of Johnny and I we write to say thankyou so much for the thankyou gift that I received in my bank account. God's timing is always perfect and this gift has really been helpful at this time of completing the work in our new home so we are very grateful.

We have just enjoyed spending the last 2 days with John and Helen Pawson and we are so blessed to have had visitors from Sway.

Until we see each other again please send our love and greetings to all at St. Luke's. Please keep us and our church in your prayers as we seek His perfect will for us in the next 2 weeks as we approach the moving out of our current building on 31st August. We trust in Him and for our future ministry here in Cuenca.

Love and blessings in Christ

Bev and Johnny xx

Next Week:

Monday 7th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 8th September	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 9th September	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm Christian Meditation 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 10th September	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 11th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group

Saturday 12th September	8am Holy Communion 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Worship
Sunday 13th September	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship 1pm-4pm Apple Pressing Day

Future Dates:

Monday 14th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 15th September	10.30am SWAG Cafe 4pm PCC Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16th September	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 17th September	9am Online Prayers 2.30pm Peter Harness Funeral 7pm Band Practise
Friday 18th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 19th September	10am-4pm Sustainable Church Flower Festival - St Anne's
Sunday 20th September	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong 10am-4pm Sustainable Church Flower Festival - St Anne's

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

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