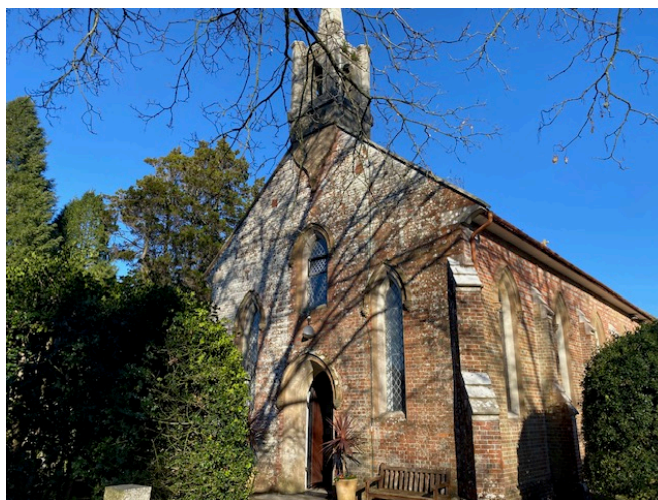




# st luke's church, sway



*Blue skies at St.Lukes*

## **WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 2nd February 2025**

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:

This Sunday we continue in the sermon series Powerful Prayers - this time looking at Nehemiah and look forward to hearing more about how God works through prayer.

This week we have experienced that as news came through of Peter Blick (churchwarden) had managed a few steps and was feeling hopeful. Thank you Lord.

We are excited to hear from Jonathan who is fresh back from Rwanda - he will be sharing updates at the Mission Lunch on 9th Feb - do come along!

love and prayers

Jane





## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY 2nd February - Candlemas

*Nehemiah 1: 1--1*

*Luke 2: 22-40*

Sermon Series: POWERFUL PRAYERS

Nehemiah - Cupbearer to the King

#### **9.30 Informal Service**

Leader - Jane Mitchell. Speaker - Taiwo Ogunjimi. Music - Mike Kelly

#### **10.30am Coffee Time**

#### **11am Parish Communion**

Leader - Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker - Taiwo Ogunjimi.

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 9.30am Informal Worship for FEBRUARY.

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 11am Traditional Worship for FEBRUARY.

Printed copies can also be found in church.

Please Note NO 9.30 service n 9th Feb-

8am Holy Communion

11am All together Mission service.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

#### **Would you like to join Thursday morning prayers online?**

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

#### **Powerful Prayers sermon series**

Over the next few weeks we will learn from scripture the incredible stories and

outcomes of prayers - including Moses interceding to change God's mind, Samson praying for strength to tear down the Philistines, Nehemiah's prayer as he weeps before God, Hannah's prayers of praise as she bears a longed for child , David's prayer of repentance and Paul's prayer for increasing fullness.

Lent Book and Lent Course: The sermon series in Lent will follow Tom Wright's book **Lent and Easter for Everyone**. More details to follow. Here is the book link for information.

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/lent-and-easter-for-everyone>

This week please pray for -

- The families of those who died in the US air crash
  - The pastoral team and those who are housebound
- The choir and different music groups at St Luke's  
All who are unwell: including Peter Blick, Ellie John Lucy Howlett.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation is changing from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday, as from next month. So the next Meditation will be on February 12th.

### Mission News

### You're Invited to Mission Lunch



**Sunday 9th February 12:15 pm**

Join us for lunch and hear all about St Luke's exciting link with the parish of Kibirizi in Rwanda!

- **Hear from Jonathan about his recent visit to Kibirizi** and the incredible progress they're making with building a bigger church.
- **Learn about an opportunity to visit Kibirizi this summer**— could you join us and be part of something truly special!?
- **Lunch will feature simple yet delicious soups**, followed by an array of tasty cheeses and fresh fruit.
- **We'll kick things off around 12:15 PM**, so come hungry and ready to connect!

No charge for lunch, however donations to support the vital work in Rwanda would be welcome.


**To help us plan it would be good if you could *RSVP*.**

***Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you'll be coming.***

We can't wait to see you there!

**P.S.** Bring your friends and family

**Healing Service at St Saviour's Church**, Brockenhurst 3pm Sunday 9th February  
(details below)



**LYNDHURST DEANERY: A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**  
**3:00 PM SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY**  
*St. Saviour's Church, Wilverley Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire SO42 7SP*

***A time of worship and reflections on three aspects of wellbeing***

*Healing of Mind (Rev'd Dr Mary Nicholson, Acorn Chaplaincy)*  
*Healing of Body (Rev'd Kay Pead, Southampton General Hospital)*  
*Healing of Spirit (Mel Osborne, Children & Families Worker)*

*This service concludes with the opportunities to reflect quietly and receive blessings, prayers or anointing for yourself or others*

*Refreshments will be served after the service*

***For further information, contact [prayer@brockenhurstchurch.com](mailto:prayer@brockenhurstchurch.com)***

**Finance**

The 2024 accounts have been prepared and were agreed by the PCC. They now go to an External Independent Examiner. Overall we recorded a surplus of £5,924 for 2024. If you would like to see or ask anything about the accounts - please contact Ian J Burnham accountant via the church office who will be very pleased to help.

**Church Land update- the land occupied by the youth centre, car park and green space.**

The PCC and the Parish Council have been working together on an agreed Frequently asked Questions information sheet about the land to be published in Sway News and elsewhere. Once this is available we will circulate it as a separate item to church members by e mail.

The next Church members meeting is arranged for **Wednesday 26th February at 7pm in church.**

We are still waiting for legal advice about a covenant on the land via the Diocese.

Once this legal covenant is available the PCC have then agreed to instruct a specialist surveyor experienced in dealing with church land to provide The PCC with research and reports so they can advise the church on next steps.

The Parish Council are considering their options and will hold an exhibition in the Youth centre in March.

The date for the village meeting for all about the Church Land is **April 9th 7pm in Church.**

**Newsletter Items**

Any items for the Parish newsletter please send to Sophie at [comms@swaychurch.com](mailto:comms@swaychurch.com) by Thursday 9am. Thank you.

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?**

<b>Monday 3rd Feb</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Tuesday 4th Feb</b>	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am -	SWAG Community Cafe

	11.30am	
<b>Wednesday 5th Feb</b>	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	12pm - 1.30pm	Lunch Club
	1.45pm	Open the Book in School
<b>Thursday 6th Feb</b>	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	5pm	Squirrels
	6.15pm	Beavers
	6pm	Band Practice
<b>Friday 7th Feb</b>	9.30am - 11am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
	9am	Church led School Assembly
	10am	Friday Service

Check out [www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk) to see the church diary with all the services and events and church room booking availability

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

### February

**Sunday 9th Feb**- 8am Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th February** - 11am service Mission Sunday Rwanda followed by Mission Lunch

**Sunday 9th February 3-4pm** - Lyndhurst Deanery: A service of wholeness and healing

**Monday 10th February 3.15pm** - Messy Church

**Tuesday 11th February 7pm** - Open Bible Study

**Wednesday 12th February 2.30pm** - Christian Meditation

**Sunday 16th February 4pm** - Evensong

**Wednesday 19th February 7pm** - Waywardens thank you drinks

**Friday 21st February 10am** - Friday Service

**Tuesday 25th February 7pm** - Open Bible Study

**Wednesday 26th February 7pm** - Church Members Meeting on Land and Youth Centre

**Friday 28th February 2pm** - Creative Space

**Friday 28th February 2pm** - Sway Place Communion

### March

**Wednesday 5th March 10am** - Ash Wednesday Communion

**Friday 7th March 10am** - Friday Service

**Saturday 8th March 9am** - PCC Vision and Planning

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