



st luke's church, sway



SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 9AM
CHURCH ROOMS

† PRAISE AND PLAY †

Come and be part of this exciting new worship for families at St Luke's Church. A relaxed fun hour for the whole family suitable for newborns up to age 11.

PRAISE. Enjoy a half hour of joyful music and praise.

PLAY. Try football, drama, music or craft. All whilst enjoying refreshments throughout and having time to chat and make new friends in the community.

Let us know you are coming by signing up online.
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WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY **SUNDAY 22nd September 2024**

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:
[Youtube.com/@StLukesSway](https://www.youtube.com/@StLukesSway)

MESSAGE from Jane Nicholson, Parish Administrator

Firstly, a very warm welcome to this week's Parish Newsletter. I am behind the scenes in the office here at St Luke's and I work here on a Tuesday and Wednesday. For those of you who do not know me, I am also in my third year of training in Ministry and Theology and am about to be licensed as a Lay Minister on the 12th October 2024. This is an exciting time for me as I explore a possible calling to Ordination whilst I continue my studies. I am also a drummer and a musician.

This week's service is centred around Safeguarding Sunday. As a previous

Safeguarding Officer in my home church, Pennington, I am very aware of the importance of Safeguarding, not only from the protection and safety of all those attending and taking part in church activities but also for the peace of mind and safety of all the leaders and volunteers. The key learning I had when in the role was that, if in doubt, report it to the Safeguarding Officer who at St Luke's is Peter Blick. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team have a wealth of experience and are always happy to help and guide us.

If you need assistance with DBS checks or Safeguarding Training, do please come and see me here in the office and I will be more than willing to assist.

Jane



Jane Nicholson

Office Administrator Tues and Wed

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 22nd September: Safeguarding Sunday

Ephesians 5: 8-13

John 4: 1-26

9am - 10.30am Praise and Play in Church Rooms

Praise - 30 minutes of joyful worship and Praise led by Taiwo and the group.

Play - Followed by activities including art, drama, sport, music. Suitable for families.

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Worship/ Safeguarding Sunday Leader Peter Blick - Safeguarding Officer / Speaker: Revd Jane Mitchell

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

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

Printed copies can also be found in church.

Prayer

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week please pray for -

- Vic Welham's family
- Ellie John
- Trial Praise and Play this Sunday at 9am
- Bump Baby and Toddler groups - more helpers needed with tea and coffee.

CHURCH NEWS

Vic Welham : A message from Jackie Dean: daughter of Vic Welham

For those of you that might remember my dad Vic Welham , he sadly passed away last week at the grand old age of 90! Mum and Dad lived in The Close for well over 30 years, he was very involved in St Luke's in the 90's - 2017, he sung in the choir and was churchwarden at some point, he loved living in Sway. Mum is very frail and the family chose a quiet cremation service so she could attend.

Vicar Jane is in touch with Jackie offering support. The address for Enid if you would like to send love and messages of condolence is Mornington Court Care Home, 7 Barr Avenue, New Milton BH25 5HQ. Please pray for the family at this time. We give thanks for Vic, for his faithful service and presence at St Luke's, for his friendship and support over the many years. Thank you Lord that Vic rises in glory in your eternal love and peace. Amen.

Welcome Bishop Rhiannon!



We are pleased to share the news that the Venerable Rhiannon King , currently Archdeacon of Ipswich, will be the next Bishop of Southampton. More details on the Winchester Diocese website

Eco Church News

St Luke's Shortlisted for a Green Church AWARD

Congratulations to the eco church group - amazing work now recognised and acknowledged St. Luke's Church, Sway, has been shortlisted for the 2024 Church Times Green Church Awards! The awards celebrate churches and schools dedicated to caring for God's creation. St Luke's eco church group were recognised for coming up with a new approach for managing the churchyard, in order to prioritise wildlife and diversity.

Read more via the Church Times website: <https://ow.ly/m5yk50Toq8h>

Children & Youth News

Praise and Play: Sunday 22nd September 9am in the Church Rooms

A trail format with the aim to invite families to join. Half hour of informal time of praise from 9am followed by activities for children- drama, music, sport games..... Refreshments served.

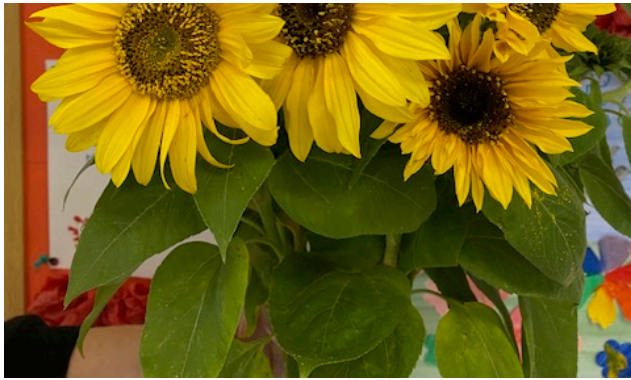
Please click [HERE](#) to let us know that you'll be joining us for Praise and Play.

If you could help in the kitchen team with refreshments PLEASE let Sophie know comms@swaychurch.com. Come and be part of this exciting outreach and please pray.

Messy Church

Back in May the children at Messy Church had a eco session and planted seeds with Wendy. The pot has been outside the church since. This week Wendy harvested them as the pot had become rather crowded, below you can see the beautiful flowers.





Buildings

Note: Duncan the church architect needed to delay our quinquennial inspection due to a family emergency illness. A new date will be rearranged as soon as possible.

The PCC set the dates this week for the **fundraising campaign for the RAINWATER GOODS. This job is to replace the guttering and downpipes that caused the damp in the first place....** The campaign will run for 6 weeks from **6th Oct to 17th November** with a target of raising **£30,000** for the new rainwater goods work and an additional **£20,000** to replenish reserves used for the building maintenance work just finished.

The diocese are working hard to set up our giving page and online donation account - more details soon! There is £10,000 of match funding for the first £10,000 raised that will help us on our way. Thank you for considering a donation to ensure the church building is carefully looked after for the next hundred years or so and kept dry.

Mission News

Love in a Box -

Filled shoe boxes as Christmas gifts for under privileged children in Eastern Europe.



It's the time of year to appeal to you to support and donate to Love in a Box. Janet and the team in Sway have been organising this project for 31 years now and last year 258 boxes were sent off, which is the most they have ever done. Let's try and help to

match this and even better it this year.

It is for a wonderful cause allowing schools, businesses, churches and other organisations and individuals to fill shoe boxes with gifts for under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present. Each one is individually received by a child.

It is a whole village project and so many people are involved. There are leaflets with suggestions of what to put in the boxes at the back of church, in the church rooms, the hub, the post office or from Janet at Hillside, Middle Road.

How can I help?

You can help by either filling a box (covered ones are available from Janet or in the church rooms), giving items for the team to pack into boxes or by donating money to help with post and packaging and also towards buying items we need. **The closing date is November 8th.**

Coming Soon

Creative Space



**CREATIVE
SPACE**

We invite you to join this friendly group in a beautiful setting, and unleash your creativity!

Where: St Luke's Church
When: 2-4pm

Friday 27th September - Art Media Activity
Friday 25th October - Reflective Art Session
Friday 29th November - Christmas Celebration. Gift Making with Calligraphy



Creative Space is back after the summer break and this month, Marion will kindly lead us in making a colourful, small, mixed-media gift for others (...and we might even wish to make one to keep)!

Most of the materials will be provided; however, it would be good if you could bring a few lines of a favourite poem, piece of prose, or lines of scripture that are precious to you (some extracts *will* be available if needed though). These pieces of writing will need to be in small print to fit onto the Zine: up to approximately 7.5cm x 11cm when cut out, but obviously large enough to read!

No expertise is needed, just a willingness to have some fun and create!

As usual, you are welcome to bring along your own creative project to work on if you prefer – and some art materials will be available if you'd like to use those.

For the final half-hour, refreshments will be served and there will be time to talk together about our work but no pressure on anyone.

We look forward to seeing you. Please sign up by clicking [HERE](#), or call / leave a note in the church office, 01590 682358 by Wednesday 25th September.

Mission Sunday - Eco Climate on 29th September



Sunday 29th September is Climate Sunday. Wendy and Andrea have prepared a theme of L.O.A.F. (Local, Organic, Animal-Friendly, Fairly Traded). We look forward to hearing more about this. In addition we are delighted to be welcoming visiting Speaker Revd Rosie Ward of Lymington St Thomas Church.

Other News

Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Please note that our Tuesday morning weekly prayer meeting in church will be changed to a Wednesday morning from 2nd October, same time of 9am. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Monday 23	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler
Tuesday 24	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
Wednesday 25	1.30pm	Open the Book at School
Thursday 26	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	Thursday Club
	6pm	Band Practice
Friday 27	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
	9.15am	School Harvest Festival Rehearsal
	11.30am	Birchy Hill Communion
	2.00pm	Creative Space (Book HERE)

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 24th September 13:30-16:00 - Sway Place Art Exhibition

Thursday 26th September - Ecochurch attend Awards Ceremony, London

Saturday 28th September - Friends Of Kisiizi Day, Brookside Church, Reading

Sunday 29th September - Climate Sunday

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd October 9:30-11:00 and 14:00-15:00 - St Luke's School Harvest

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Saturday 5th October 12:00 - Wedding of Tom and Bethany

Sunday 6th October - Harvest Celebration Communion Service

Tuesday 8th October 19:00 - Drop-in Bible Study

Thursday 10th October 19:00 - Autumn Synod

Friday 11th October 9:00 - Church led School Assembly

Saturday 12th October - Lay Ministry Licensing and Commissioning Service

Monday 14th October - 15:15 - Messy Church

Tuesday 15th October 19:00 - Newcomers to Church Drinks and Information Evening

Saturday 19th October - 10:00 - 12:00 Children's Society Coffee Morning at Hillside, Middle Road

Tuesday 22nd October - 19:00- Drop-in Bible Study

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