



# st luke's church, sway



## **WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 8th September 2024**

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

### **MESSAGE**

A new term and a new start. Love and prayers for all those in education or work in education. May God guide you and the Holy Spirit inspire you in your learning and work.

There has been some amazing news from Eco church at St Luke's who have been shortlisted as one of only 3 churches nationally for a special award for caring for the churchyard. More details next week! Malcolm Clayton continues with our series on Jonah this Sunday with

a talk on The Power of Grace. Messy Church are thinking about the radical forgiveness of Jesus and how it offers a new start based on Luke 5: 17-26.

**In the week ahead may God bring his comfort and his peace to us all.**

Love and prayers

**Jane**

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**Prayer**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY 8th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity**

**8am - Holy Communion** Revd Chris Guinness

**9.30am Informal Service** Leader: Jane Mitchel Speaker: Malcolm Clayton

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Morning Service** Leader: Revd Jane Mitchell Speaker: Malcolm Clayton

Sermon Series Jonah

Chapters 2 & 3 - The Power of Grace

**NEXT SUNDAY 15th September: 16th Sunday after Trinity**

Sermon Series Jonah

Chapter 4 - Bitterness over the Generosity of God

Mark 8: 27-end

**9.30am Informal Service** Leader: Taiwo Ogunjimi Speaker: Jane Mitchell

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Family Communion** Leader/ Speaker: Revd Jane Mitchell

## 4pm Evensong

### Prayers:

This week please pray for -

- Family and friends of Derek and Ann Baldwin.
- Messy Church
- Church in Rwanda
- Giving thanks for the eco church team

## CHURCH NEWS

### Family and Community

#### **Derek and Ann Baldwin - Service of Celebration Monday 9th September at 12 noon**

There will be a Service of Celebration for Derek and Ann Baldwin on the above date followed by refreshments in church rooms. Thank you to all those preparing for the service to celebrate the lives of Derek and Ann who were so loved in the Parish and beyond.

The service will be livestreamed and you can click this link to join from 11.55am.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnMyrd35l1Y>

### Message from Anne Johnson

Anne sends her love to the church family. Anne had a fall a couple of weeks ago and spent time in Bournemouth hospital. She is under further observation and hopes to see everyone in Sway before too long.

### Beautifully Restored Bench

Take a look below at our beautifully restored bench in pride of place outside the entrance to St Luke's Church. We welcome you to come, sit and enjoy.

Many thanks to Simon Hawkes for his kind and wonderful work on this.





### **Help needed! - Opportunities to serve**

- Could you offer to sort the books in the church Christian library into simple categories?
- Could you offer to help with tea/coffee on 22nd Sept in church rooms from 8.30- 10.30?
- Could you offer to come and be in the office on a Monday or Friday 10-12 once a month to take any enquiries and answer the phone? (no computer work)

### **Children & Youth News**

**Messy Church - Monday 9th September 3.15-5pm**

**PLEASE NOTE VENUE CHANGE We will be meeting in the Youth Centre**



**Monday 9th September 3.15 - 5pm**  
Worship, activities and tasty hot food!  
St. Luke's Church & Youth Centre



**BOOK by visiting [www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk)**

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

Messy Church is back on Monday 9th September 3.15-5pm after a summer break. We will be meeting in the Youth Centre rather than the Church Rooms as this is being used for refreshments following a Service of Celebration.

### **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. If you could help in the kitchen team with refreshments PLEASE let Sophie know [comms@swaychurch.com](mailto:comms@swaychurch.com). Come and be part of this exciting outreach and please pray.

### **Mission News**

#### **Kisiizi Bookstall- Message of thanks from Janet below**

Many thanks to all those of you who support Kisiizi Hospital by buying books and jigsaws from the stall in the porch of the Church Rooms. I have just sent off £300 towards the upkeep of the hospital. Please continue to buy both the books and the jigsaws. I change them every month so there is always something fresh to look at.

Janet L

## **Friends of Kisiizi Day- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Brookside Church, Reading**



St Luke's has been a friend of Kisiizi Hospital for many years – around fifty now! Kisiizi Hospital is in Uganda not far from the border with Rwanda. Run by the Church of Uganda it is a bright spark of hope in a rural area where no hospital existed before the church brought them one. A number of us will be going and there will be seats available in cars going from Sway. A special treat this year is the presence of Moses Mugume – a long time member of the hospital staff. Chat with Jonathan ((682504) if you want to join the trip.

Click the link for full information:

[FRIENDS OF KISIIZI invite to FD 2024 update 9-24.pdf](#)

### **We ask for your prayers for the Church in Rwanda**

Pray for our link parish under attack from building inspectors:

This week the Grenfell Tower report has brought attention to the need for buildings to be built to a standard to protect lives. Rightly so, but in Rwanda churches have been forced to close failing to meet newly increased demands for the standards of the church buildings. Why should the church in our link parish of Kibirizi need a paved car park when the village is miles from the nearest paved road – and none of the parishioners own a car?! In Kigeme Diocese, where our link parish is situated, just 24 churches are still open - the other 238 have been closed!

Pastor Vianney in Kibirizi Parish has none of his churches remaining open

- this removes his income as he is totally reliant on giving by parishioners. Yet he is still battling on – he is working to mobilise the parishioners to rebuild the main church to a standard that meets the government's newly imposed demands.

This is a desperate situation. I am scratching my head on how best to bring pressure to bear on the Rwandan Government – where the President has been newly re-elected. Prayer will help! Please include our friends and partners in Rwanda in your prayers as they seek a solution to allow them to continue to worship and pray freely.

**Jonathan**

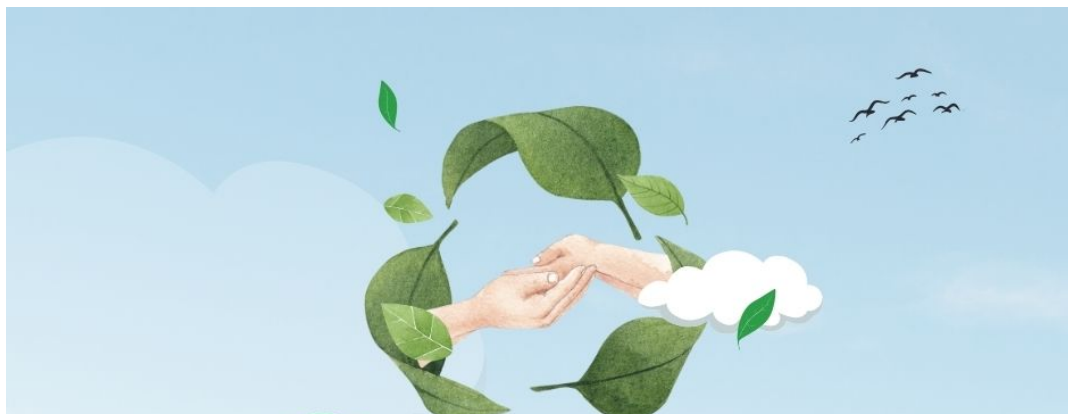
## **Coming Soon in September**

### **Safeguarding Sunday on 22nd September at 11am service**



Every year, thousands of churches across the country unite to mark safeguarding Sunday. It's a chance to listen, to raise awareness and is an expression of faith to protect the most vulnerable. Please do come along.

### **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.

### **Eco Church News**

#### **You are invited to the Creation Care and Sustainable Buildings Event in Winchester**

Join Andrea and Wendy at this event on Saturday 19th October held at Winchester Christ Church, Christchurch Road, Winchester SO23 9SR from 10:00 - 15:00.

#### **What can I expect from the day?**

**Resources** - Find out what resources and help is at hand to enable you on your eco journey.

**Grants** - Understand what grants are available and how to plan a project.

**Advice** - Listen to other example churches and how they have faced challenges and learnt. Hear from the DAC and the Environment and Net Zero Carbon Team on how we can support you.

The full programme will be available and sent out within the next few weeks

If you are interested please do get in touch with [danielle.walmsley@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:danielle.walmsley@winchester.anglican.org).



## Other News

### Evening Worship at All Saints Hordle

Please find some information on a new evening contemporary service at All Saints Hordle held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm. They will be diving into a teaching series on 'Labels'. What is our identity? Who does God say we are? Link to Facebook page below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/GZwCskLfnizzB6Fu/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

<b>Monday 9</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler
	12.30-1.30pm	Derek & Ann Baldwin Celebration Service
	3.15pm	Messy Church (Youth Centre) Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to book.
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	Drop-in Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	1.30pm	Open the Book at School
<b>Thursday 12</b>	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	Thursday Club
	All day	Church Architect Quinquennial Inspection
	6pm	Band Practice
<b>Friday 13</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

[https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?](https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)

[pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09](https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Monday 9th September 12:00** - Derek and Ann Baldwin Celebration Service

**Monday 9th September 15:15** - Messy Church

**Wednesday 11th September 19:30** - Neighbourhood Watch Launch (Village Hall)

**Tuesday 10th September 19:00** - Drop-in Bible Study

**Thursday 12th September** - Church Architect Quinquennial Inspection

**Sunday 15th September 4pm** Evensong

**Tuesday 17th September 19:00** - PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 18th September 14:30** - Christian Meditation

**Friday 20th September 10:00** - Friday Service

**Sunday 22nd sept 9.00am** - Praise and Play in the Church Rooms

**Tuesday 24th September 19:00** - Drop-in Bible Study

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

**Friday 27th September 9:00** - Church led School Assembly

**Friday 27th September** - School Harvest Rehearsal

**Friday 27th September 11:30** - Birchy Hill Communion

**Friday 27th September 14:00** - Creative Space. Click [HERE](#) to book.

**Sunday 29th September** - Climate Sunday

### **OCTOBER**

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

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