
**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH,
SWAY
SUNDAY 22nd June 2025**



Year 6 leavers from St Luke's School at Winchester Cathedral this week with staff and Vicar Jane.

We are beginning a new sermon series this Sunday exploring the book of Proverbs drawing on God's wisdom for our daily lives. Whatever situations we face - decisions, challenges, relationships or opportunities - God's wisdom speaks into it all. Come and discover or watch online and discover how timeless biblical insight can guide and shape us in today's complex world. —

WORSHIP

"Wisdom for Today: Biblical Truth for Modern Life"

The Beginning of Wisdom

Proverbs 1: 1-7

Luke 8: 26-39

9.30am Informal Service with Holy Communion

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell / Speaker Taiwo Ogunjimi

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service

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Please click on the links below to see traditional and informal worship for June 2025

[June Informal Worship](#)

[June Traditional Worship](#)

Printed copies can also be found in church

Lisa Thomas – ordination plans

On Sunday June 29th Lisa is due to be ordained at Winchester Cathedral. The ordination service starts at 10am and you are welcome to come along and share the experience with Lisa. To read more or to find out how to watch or be a part of this special service then please click on the link below.

[Lisa Thomas Ordination](#)

Sunday 29th June

Please note there will be no 9.30am informal service on this day due to the ordination service of Lisa Thomas. The 11am service will go ahead as usual.

Prayer

*God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son*

Would you like to join Thursday morning prayers online?

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers. We normally reflect on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and pray through the church monthly calendar.

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBacHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

This week please pray for :

*Lydia and family
Family of Ray Fidler
Family of Jean Maylon
Lucy Howlett and Peter Blick
Rwanda link Church and School
Exploring plans to provide for the community using the Church Youth Centre land.*

CHURCH NEWS

We are sharing the sad news that Jean Maylon (88) of Hollies Close died recently. Jean was loved and known to many in Sway and regularly attended the SWAG Tuesday Morning Community Café in the Church Rooms. Funeral announcements will be made in due course. Please pray for Jean's family at this time.

News from Kevin...

I am very pleased to announce that I am going to be the New Forest Parishes Anna Chaplain. The role is to offer spiritual support to the elderly in three parishes. So after fourteen years behind bars it's on to pastures new.

Thanks for all your support and prayers over the years. Kevin

This announcement from Rev Kev is wonderful news - congratulations Kevin from all the church family at St Luke's!! Kevin has been at St Luke's for many years, much loved and supported all through his ordination training and curacy. We are delighted he is not going far away. Further details about timing and Kevin's arrangements will be made in due course.

We Are Hiring!

The PCC are looking to appoint a family and community support worker. Closing date is 11th July 2025, start date is September 1st 2025. If you would like to find out more and apply then please click on the links below or visit our website for more information.

[Job Description Family and Community Support Worker](#)

[Job Application Form](#)

[CLICK HERE to go to our website](#)



Job VACANCY

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St Luke's Church are looking for a Family and Community Support Worker

The family and community support worker will:
Strengthen and grow the relationship between St Luke's Church, St Luke's CE Primary School, and families in the wider community by **Sharing the mission of Jesus and making a difference**

1 morning / 4 hours per week, based in the church office, term time only

For more information including a job description please contact:
office@swaychurch.com or telephone 01590 682358

St Thomas Church Lymington

This year, St. Thomas Church celebrates 775 years at the heart of Lymington. Built around 1250, with the Courteney Chapel added in 1325, the church has endured French raids in the 14th and 15th centuries and fortification by Parliamentary soldiers during the Civil War. In 1670, the current tower was constructed, serving as both a watchtower over the Solent and home to a peal of originally six (and since 1901) eight bells. The tower is crowned by its distinctive Georgian cupola, housing the town bell cast in 1688. Throughout its history, the people of Lymington have

found the resources to rebuild and enhance this cherished parish church and landmark. To commemorate the 775th anniversary of St Thomas Church, the Friends of St Thomas commissioned a sculpture, the Lymington Christus, by renowned sculptor Peter Eugene Ball. It will be installed in the Courteney Chapel, and dedicated by Bishop Rhiannon on 6 July at 10am.

Our next Messy Church is on the 7th July!

[Sign up HERE for Carnival Messy Church!](#)

War Requiem concert, Saturday 12th July

Mary & Joe Scott have bought tickets to the War Requiem concert, on Saturday 12th July at The Lighthouse, Poole. Sadly, they are now unable to go. They would kindly like to offer the tickets to anyone else that might like to go, they don't want anything for them BUT they were due to take 2 other villagers in their car so it would be really helpful if whoever takes the tickets could offer the same lifts. If you are interested please speak to Mary, Joe or Joelle.

There are still tickets available for this concert and anyone wanting to go should contact Joelle, Sara Banks or Malcolm Gathercole as we can still get discounted rates.

Joelle
Choir Administrator

Summer Shared Supper 20th July - invitations at the back of church

Come and enjoy a relaxed summer evening at the vicarage, with food and fellowship on 20th July 6pm -9pm, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email the office to accept on office @swaychurch .com

Ray Fidler

Ray's funeral will take place on July 2nd at 2.30pm at St Luke's Church with refreshments afterwards in the church rooms. Please pray for his family, giving thanks for Ray and also remembering his late wife Pat who died in 2021.

New Forest Basics Food Bank



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



This is a charity that relies on generous support and donations to provide a service to those in need. You can help by donating food & consumables by dropping them off in the green box located at the back of church. Every little helps! Once the box is full we will arrange collection of the items. To find out more about urgent items that are most needed click on the link below.

[Food bank items in urgent need](#)

Church Tent, New Forest and Hampshire County Show 2025

Tues 29th , Wed 30th and Thursday 31st July 2025

Volunteers are needed to **serve refreshments and welcome visitors** to our ever-popular church tent. This is an opportunity to come together as a Deanery to serve our community, promote the place and importance of our Parish Churches and share the hospitality of God with the thousands of people who visit the show. All volunteers get a free One Day Pass.

Volunteer sessions will be for 2½ hour starting 9am or 11.30am or 2pm. (There is no setting up or clearing away involved.) To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Mary Robinson at the Brockenhurst church office on 01590 624584 or email Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com

Volunteers are also needed for **Children's Craft Activities and Face painting.**

Please contact Gordon & Wendy on 07759175779 or email gwh341@btinternet.com

We rely on the support of all the churches in the Deanery and beyond for volunteers. Thank you!

Creative Space - Friday 27th June



This month we plan to meet at 2 pm, on Friday 27 June, in Potters Field. This will be our third year at the field, and each time brings new delights: including wild flowers; trees: bark, leaves, pine cones; lichen; watching the grasses move back and forth in the breeze, hearing the birds. This year the daisies will be past their best because of the recent hot/dry weather, but there is always plenty to observe, sketch, paint, photograph or simply sit and enjoy the natural beauty and peace. All welcome.

[SIGN UP HERE for the next creative space](#)

The next Alpha course at St Luke's starts 10th September 2025



Over 15 million people worldwide have now attended an Alpha course, an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world. The Alpha course, is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR ALPHA](#)

The first planning and prayer meeting for Alpha is Tuesday 8th July at 7pm in church. If you would like to help at ALPHA we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office and let us know on 10590 682358 or office@swaychurch.co

10.30am Sunday Coffee Team Volunteers Needed!

Thank you for all the volunteers but we still need more! As you know we are looking for new volunteers to join our coffee team! If you think you can help please let the church office know - office@swaychurch.com or 01590 682358 We would love to hear from you!

Mission News



Supporting Our Link Parish in Rwanda: Another £3,000 Sent for Church Building

Exciting progress continues in Kibirizi, our link parish in Rwanda, as parishioners work diligently to prepare the area around the church for further construction. While much remains to be done, we are thrilled to share that we have just sent an additional **£3,000** to support the ongoing building efforts.

This latest contribution comes from the generous proceeds of our recent Pop-up Charity Shop, online sales of donated items, further cash donations, and a **£1,000 contribution from Church Funds**. Since launching this appeal just before Christmas, we have collectively raised **almost £7,000**, supporting both the church's construction and the Pastor's salary.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone whose generosity has made this possible. Your kindness and commitment are helping to bring this vision to life.

Looking for another opportunity to contribute? Leftover items from the last sale will be available at the **Carnival Garage Sale** on **Saturday, 12th July**, in the Youth Centre Garden. Stop by to browse, purchase, and support this important mission!

Jonathan Elliott-Jones

Sway Carnival 2025!

Lots is planned for the church to be fully involved in carnival activities this year with a circus theme. Please see below how you can get involved!

Sign up sheets are now available at the back of church.

This years theme is: LOVE AND TRUTH "**The Greatest Story Ever Told**" - Jesus is the ringmaster!

Saturday 5th July

Volunteers are needed for 1 hour slots on the Jubilee Field in St Luke's Church Tent.

Monday 7th July

9.30am-11am Volunteers needed to help with craft and refreshments at baby bump and toddler

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3pm-5pm Extra volunteers are needed to help with Messy Church

Friday 11th July

9.30am-11am Volunteers needed to help with craft and refreshments at baby bump and toddler

Saturday 12th July

PARADE DAY - Please come and join in, hold a flag, wear a hat, carry a banner or dress up as a ringmaster!

Finally if you have any hidden circus talents such as jugglers or unicyclists please get in touch with us in the church office!

Coming up in the next week....

Monday 23rd June	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler
Tuesday 24th June	9am-9.30am	Parish Morning Prayers
	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am - 11.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7.30pm-9pm	Rwanda Trip Meeting
Wednesday 25th June	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	1.45pm-2.30pm	Open the Book rehearsal
Thursday 26th June	9am-9.20am	Online Morning Prayer
	1.30pm - 4pm	Thursday Afternoon Club
	7pm-9pm	Church Wardens Service at Christchurch Priory
Friday 27th June	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler
	2pm-4pm	Creative Space
	2pm-3pm	Sway Place Communion

Sunday 29th June

10am Lisa Thomas Ordination at Winchester Cathedral

11am Morning Service

Monday 30th June

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

Tuesday 1st July

10am Community Gardening

10.30am SWAG Community Cafe

Wednesday 2nd July

9am Parish Prayers

12pm Lunch Club

1.45pm Open the Book rehearsal

2.30pm Fay Fidler Funeral

Thursday 3rd July

9am Online Prayers

7pm Band Practise

Friday 4th July

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

10am Friday Service

Saturday 5th July

SWAY CARNIVAL - CHURCH TENT 10.30am-3pm

Sunday 6th July

9.30am Informal Service

11am Parish Communion

Monday 7th July

9.30am CARNIVAL Baby Bump and Toddler

3.30pm CARNIVAL Messy Church

Tuesday 8th July

10am Community gardening

10.30am Community Cafe

2.45pm Church led assembly in school

7pm ALPHA helpers meeting

Wednesday 9th July

9am Parish Prayers

1.45pm Open the Book rehearsal

2.30pm Christian Meditation

Thursday 10th July

9am Online Morning Prayers

7pm Band Practise

Friday 11th July

9.30am CARNIVAL Baby Bump and Toddler

5pm CARNIVAL auction of promises

Saturday 12th July

SWAY CARNIVAL PARADE DAY

Sunday 13th July

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Informal Service

11am Morning Service

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