

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 8th June 2025

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the blessings of early summer. June marks the beginning of many exciting activities in our parish, and we warmly invite everyone to participate.

As we step into the warmth and light of summer, our parish community looks forward with gratitude and joyful anticipation. This season brings with it not just longer days and sunshine, but also a renewed sense of energy and connection. We give thanks for the beauty of creation on full display from blooming gardens to golden sunsets all reminding us of God's abundant grace.

For many, summer offers a chance to rest, reflect, and reconnect with God, family, and nature. Whether you're traveling, gardening, or simply enjoying a quiet evening outdoors, may you feel God's presence in every moment.

Let us approach this season with open hearts, ready to receive the joy and renewal that summer brings. Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed summer ahead.

Love and prayers,

Sara _____

WORSHIP

Acts 2 : 1-21

Romans 8 : 14-17

8am Holy Communion

Leader / Speaker - Chris Guinness

9.30am Informal Service - PENTECOST

Leader - Revd. Jane Mitchell / Speaker - Michael Christian-Edwards

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service - PENTECOST

Leader - Lisa Thomas / Speaker - Michael Christian-Edwards

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

Prayer

*Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.*

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 Linda Turner
Lucy Howlett and Peter Blick
Messy church and Praise and Play
Wedding couples, Rebecca and Martyn, Sarah and Richard
Rwanda link Church and School
Peace in our village following on from reports of anti-social behaviour*

URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE

*We are setting up a new **URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE** to replace the one faithfully run by Janet Lealan. Having spoken with Janet and reviewed the needs within the pastoral team , we are inviting those who believe in the power of prayer to be part of this renewed and important ministry. If you would like to join in praying for church family members in times of serious need, please let Sara in the office know and she will add you to the list to receive email prayer requests. Thank you for the precious gift of your prayers. office@swaychurch.com 01590 682358.*

If you are in need of urgent prayer, in the first instance please do contact Jane on 07885505532

CHURCH NEWS

Church Land Meeting 11th June

The next church land meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 11th June at 7pm in church. This meeting is open to all church members.

Summer Shared Supper - 20th July

Come and enjoy a relaxed summer evening of food and fellowship on 20th July 6pm -9pm, more details to follow shortly.

Sunday 29th June

There is no 9.30am informal service on this day. The 11am service will go ahead as usual.

Building work finished!

Stuart Mitchell, Russell Fry, Wendy Collyer and Simon Hawkes make up our building team at St Luke's. Please see the letter below offering heartfelt thanks to them on behalf of us all for seeing through 2 major maintenance works. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to enable this work to be completed.

Dear Simon, Wendy Stuart and Russell,

As a team you have seen us through 2 major maintenance works totally around 60K in the last 12 months and both jobs have been done really well by good builders and in budget. The church building is well cared for and ready for years to come!

On behalf of all the PCC and all the church family - a heartfelt

THANK YOU !!



Looking after our building for prayer and worship both now and in generations to come is a gift - thank you for all for the time and gifts you have given to do this for others.

Every blessing

Jane

Ray Fidler

We are sad to share the news that Ray, much loved by family and friends has died aged 95. His 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 Facepainting**.

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 to 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.

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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.com

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.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE - Lisa Thomas Ordination](#)

First Aid Training



We have kindly been offered free first Aid training on Thursday 12th June 12.15-3.15pm at St Luke's Church. Would you like to join the course? Normally it is taught as a 6 hour accredited course with certification. We are being offered 3 hours covering primary and secondary survey. Recovery position, CPR, use of defibrillator and other things such as bleeding, stroke, bones, asthma, burns and more. It is basic training and we will be issued with a certificate of attendance. A small donation is encouraged to cover a gift for the trainer and cover petrol expenses.

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Hire Our Church Rooms!



Having a party? Why not consider hiring the church rooms and garden - £15/hr. Some vacancies through the summer. Please ask in the church office or go online to see availability.

[_CLICK HERE TO HIRE OUR CHURCH ROOMS](#)

Crop Swap Basket!

CROP SWAP is a new Church and Community venture which asks Growers to donate their excess produce to the basket and asks the Community to help themselves! So, if you grow, please do put a bunch of something in the basket at some time during the season. Thank you.



Our next Messy Church is on the 9th June!

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10.30am Sunday Coffee Team Volunteers Needed!

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



St Luke's Pop-Up Charity Shop Raises £1,300 for Kibirizi Parish!

Our pop-up charity shop held during the Bank Holiday weekend, raised over £1,300 for the Kibirizi church building project. Donations of clothing, books, and household items were eagerly purchased, helping both buyers and the cause. Our hard working volunteers made a welcoming atmosphere, fostering generosity and community spirit.

For those who missed it, leftover items will be available at the Carnival Garage Sale on the morning of Saturday 12th July in the Youth Centre Garden, offering another chance to support this important mission.

Thanks to donors and shoppers, St Luke's continues to make a real difference to our friends in Rwanda.

Denis Baxter Paintings still available!



Our sale featured an exclusive art auction of works from renowned artist Denis Baxter RBA RWA FRSA who generously contributed several pieces to aid our appeal. To give more people the opportunity to secure his artworks, the auction for his pieces will run for a fortnight! The sale will now close on Friday 13th June.

Don't miss this rare chance to own one of his exceptional works. Similar pieces previously sold at much higher prices than now being asked. All in support of a great cause!

Bid online at www.32auctions.com/sway4rwanda.

Jonathan Elliott-Jones, St Luke's Mission Team

PCC updates

The PCC are excited to share the news that they have agreed to recruit a P/T worker to support families and the community from September 2025 for 1 morning/4hours per week. A job description and advert will be prepared soon.

Carnival

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!

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

Saturday 5th July - Volunteers needed for 1 hour slots on the Jubilee Field St Luke's Church Tent.

Carnival Baby Bump and Toddler:

Monday 7th July 9.30am-11am Volunteers needed to help with craft and refreshments

Monday 7th July 3pm-5pm Extra volunteers needed to help with messy church

Friday 11th July 9.30am-11am extra helpers needed

Saturday 12th July PARADE - 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!

Coming up in the next week....

Monday 9th June	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler
	3.30pm-5pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 10th June	9am-9.30am	Parish Morning Prayers
	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am - 11.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	11.30am	Linda Turner Funeral
Wednesday 11th June	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	2.30pm-4pm	Christian Meditation
	7pm-9pm	Church Land & PCC Meeting
Thursday 12th June	9am-9.20am	Online Morning Prayer
	12.15pm - 3.15pm	First Aid Training

	1.30pm-4pm	Thursday Afternoon Club
	7pm-8pm	Band Practise
Friday 13th June	9.30am-11am	Baby Bump and Toddler

Sunday 15th June

9.30am Praise and Play

11am Family Communion

4pm Evensong

Monday 16th June

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler

Tuesday 17th June

9am Parish Prayers

10am Community Gardening

10.30am SWAG Community Cafe

Wednesday 18th June

9am Parish Prayers

12pm Lunch Club

Thursday 19th June

8am School Leavers Service at Winchester

9am Online Morning Prayers

4pm Open Bible Study

7pm Band Practise

Friday 20th June

9.30am Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

10am Friday Service

7.30pm Band Practise

Sunday 22nd June

9.30am Informal Service

11am Morning Service

Monday 23rd June

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

Tuesday 24th June

9am Parish Prayers

10am Community Gardening

10.30am SWAG Community Cafe

7.30pm Rwanda Trip Meeting

Wednesday 25th June

9am Parish Prayers

Thursday 26th June

9am Online Prayers

1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club

7pm Band Practise

Friday 27th June

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

2pm Creative Space - Outdoors

2pm Sway Place Communion

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