

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 31st May 2026**



At the APCM Janet Kirk and Russell Fry were elected as churchwardens for the coming year. Many ask what is the role of a Church Warden? The role is significant and varied but could be summed up as ; Caring for the people, supporting the Vicar, Looking after the place. There is an open invitation to everyone to come and support Russell and Janet at the formal welcome service for Church Wardens at Christchurch Priory on June 7th for 7.30pm.

We ask for God's blessing on them and our year ahead at St Luke's.

Love and prayers,

Jane

Worship

TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday 31st May 2026

Morning Service with Holy Communion

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end

Matthew 28: 16-end

9.30am Informal Service

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Ellie John

11am Morning Worship

Leader Sue Cornwell & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Lesley, Ken and Hazel

Thursday morning online prayers

A reflection on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and prayers using the church monthly prayer guide for the Parish - copies available at the back of church.

[CLICK HERE to join online prayers](#)

[**CLICK HERE to see ALL June Worship**](#)

Paper copies for all services, including preaching themes are available at the back of church.

Prayers

Trinity Sunday

*Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

This week from our monthly prayer diary (copies available in church)

We thank you for the freedom to open our doors without fear of persecution. We pray for good working relations and understanding with the Diocesan and Deanery Mission Aims and our links with other local church and schools in mission.

Please pray for;

*Family of Roger Old
Marilyn Christian-Edwards
Gillian Colsell
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson*

Church News

Sad News

We are saddened to share the news that Roger Old died on Tuesday at Lymington Hospital. Please keep Roger's family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Further details regarding the funeral arrangements will follow in due course.

Youth Centre Lease Agreement Joint working group PCC and Parish Council update

We are delighted to confirm that the draft heads of terms which were drawn up and recommended by this group, have been formally approved by both Sway Parish Council and St

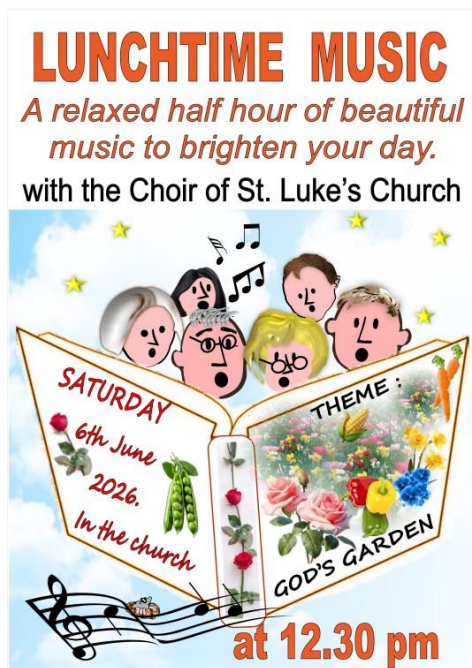
Luke's Parochial Church Council at their respective meetings. Both parties will now instruct their lawyers, as we move to the drafting of the new long lease for the Sway Youth Centre, which we intend to have ready for signing before the end of 2026.

Focus will now turn to the development of proposals for investment in the building and associated funding. We encourage residents to continue their engagement with us in shaping the future of this valued community building. There will be regular updates and opportunities for feedback from residents as the proposals develop.

Update on Marilyn Christian-Edwards

After hoping to return home Marilyn remains in Lymington hospital into a 4th week and asks for prayer for healing following infection. Please remember Marilyn and Michael in your prayers and we all send our love at this distressing time.

St Luke's Church Choir - A Date For Your Diary Saturday 6th June at 12.30pm



Open Gardens Parking on Sunday 7th June

Just a reminder that Sunday 7th June is a busy day for parking in and around the church, and so there will be a coned off area in the YC car park for the church congregation only to use. Please keep these spaces free for members of the congregation attending services that need to park near to the church.

Thank you.

Lisa Thomas Ordained as Priest - Saturday 27th June 4pm



We are delighted to share that Lisa Thomas will be ordained priest on Saturday 27th June at 4pm at Winchester Cathedral. Please keep Lisa in your prayers as she prepares for this special occasion. You are welcome to attend in person or if you would like to watch online then please do so using this link for Winchester services;

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/worship/service-listings/>

Bring and Share Lunch - Mission Sunday 28th June 12pm

Everyone is warmly invited to a Bring and Share Lunch on Mission Sunday, 28th June, at 12pm in the church rooms. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship together as a parish community. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. More details will follow nearer the time. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Potters Field

Clive and Christine Potter kindly extend an invitation to church members to visit, rest and walk round Potters Field, Chapel Lane in Sway. The Ox-eye Daisies are at their best at the moment. Well behaved dogs are welcome!

Recycling Boxes - back of church

Please remember to use the recycling boxes at the back of the church whenever possible, helping us to care for God's creation and keep our church environmentally friendly. Here you can recycle; plastic milk bottle tops, bras, stamps, paper and card, used batteries, coins and currency, mobile phones, camera, gadgets and jewellery.



Sway Carnival Fete Saturday 4th July

Debbie Hull is kindly organising our stall at the fete this year. If you can help in any way on the day please let her know or Sara in the office as she will soon be putting a rota together.

We are also in need of a gazebo to loan for this event - if anyone has a 3 x 3 gazebo to lend us please let Sara in the office know ASAP.

Basics Food Bank

We warmly encourage everyone to keep supporting the Basics Food Bank, (box at the back of church) which provides vital help to people in our local community who are facing hardship.

Donations of non-perishable food and essential household items are always greatly appreciated and make a real difference to those in need.

We are also looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take the donated items to the food bank in Lymington once a month. If you are able to help with this important task, please do get in touch with Sara in the church office on 01590 682358

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Urgent Prayer Requests



st luke's
church, sway

URGENT PRAYER CIRCLE

If you are in need of urgent prayer
please contact Revd. Jane on
07885505532 or the church office on
01590 682358 or email Jennie on
mcnaughthome@protonmail.com

We will arrange for our urgent prayer
circle to pray for those in need.

If you, or someone you know is in need of urgent prayer then please contact Jane on 07885505532 or the church office on 01590 682358, or if you are unable to make contact with Jane or the office then please email Jennie McNaught on mcnaughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families

Our next Messy Church is on Monday 8th June at 3.30pm and our next Bubble Church is on Sunday 8th June. Use the links below to sign up now! We look forward to seeing you there!

[**SIGN UP HERE for Messy Church Monday 8th June**](#)

[**SIGN UP HERE for the next Bubble Church on Sunday 14th June**](#)

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 1st June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 2nd June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 3rd June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 4th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 5th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals
Saturday 6th June	12.30pm St Luke's Choir Lunchtime Concert

Future Dates:

Sunday 7th June Sway Open Gardens	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion
Monday 8th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church

Tuesday 9th June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 10th June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm Christian Meditation
Thursday 11th June	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 12th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 13th June	
Sunday 14th June	8am Holy Communion 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Worship
Monday 15th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 16th June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 17th June	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 18th June	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 19th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 20th June	

Sunday 21st June	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong
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Please check the website or churchsuite for all other events and dates.

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