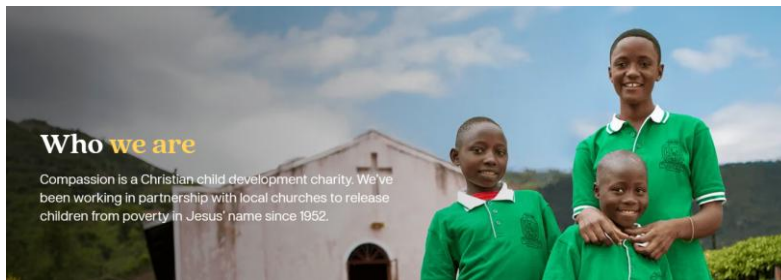


WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 28th June 2026



Church Picnic & Compassion Sunday

For those of us who have raised children, we know the hopes we naturally hold for them: a good education, the chance to build a future, friendships, opportunities to grow and flourish, and the gift that Christian faith brings to life. Here in England, these feel like ordinary expectations. In many parts of the world, they are far from guaranteed, and that inequality is hard to ignore.

Compassion was founded in 1952 to respond to that reality - releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Today they partner with more than 9,000 local churches in 29 countries, helping children access education, healthcare, and the support they need to thrive. Several members of St Luke's already sponsor a child, forming relationships that last through their school years.

This Sunday we welcome **Stewart Lake**, Compassion's local representative, who will share how this work is changing lives and how we, as a church family, can stand alongside some of the world's most disadvantaged children. Stewart will join us at the **11am service**, followed by a relaxed **picnic lunch**. Bring something if you can, or simply come and enjoy the fellowship.

All are welcome.

Jonathan

To find out more about Compassion UK link on the link below

<https://www.compassionuk.org/who-we-are/>

Worship

Sunday 28th June 2026

Morning Service

MISSION SUNDAY- COMPASSION

Combined service followed by shared picnic lunch in church rooms and garden

Romans 6:12-end

Luke 10:25-37

Stewart Lake - guest speaker

11am Family Communion

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Stewart Lake

Followed by shared picnic lunch at 12.30pm in church rooms and garden - all welcome

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

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 below to see all of July worship

[JULY WORSHIP 2026.pdf](#)

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

Prayers

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

*Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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

Mission Links; Church Mission Society Links - Rwanda, Kibirizi Parish Rwanda, Kisiizi Hospital Uganda, The Children's Society, Compassion UK and Children Against Poverty.

Please pray for;

Family of Roger Old

Merilyn Christian-Edwards - Merilyn is now home but please continue to pray for her recovery

Gillian Colsell

Lydia and family

Anne Johnson

Church News

Bring and Share Picnic Lunch - Mission Sunday 28th June

We're delighted that **Stewart Lake**, Compassion's local representative, will be with us on **Sunday 28th June** to share more about their life-changing work at our **11am service** – our only service that day.

Compassion UK works with local churches around the world to support children living in poverty. Through sponsorship, a child receives education, healthcare, good food, and the care of their church community. It's a simple, personal way of helping a young life grow in hope and opportunity.

We will be making a collection on the day in support of their work.

You're also warmly invited to join us for our **Bring and Share Picnic Lunch**, after the service. It will be a lovely chance to enjoy time together and to hear more about how Compassion is making a difference.'

Sign up at the back of church or let Sara in the Church Office know your are coming or click on the link below to sign up on church suite.

<https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/scbmmhkq>

All welcome.

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

Celebrate the Patronal Festival at St. John the Baptist, Boldre

Join us for our special **Patronal Choral Evensong** on **Sunday 28th June at 6:30pm**. This traditional, music-led service is a wonderful annual highlight for our parish, offering a beautiful space for prayer, reflection, and magnificent choral worship in

the historic setting of **St. John's Boldre**. If you are singing in the choir then please arrive at 4.15pm for a rehearsal. Everyone is warmly welcome to join the congregation.

Congratulations!



Many congratulations to Lisa Thomas on her recent commissioning as a chaplain for Winchester Law Courts.

As a Christian chaplain, Lisa dedicates one day each week to offering a listening ear and pastoral support to individuals and families attending the courts. Her ministry provides comfort and compassion to those facing difficult and often stressful circumstances.

Lisa recently shared that one family expressed their heartfelt thanks after their son had been accused of a crime. They told her that, during the first three days of the trial, she was the first person to come alongside them and offer support. This moving testimony highlights the valuable role chaplains play in bringing care, hope and a compassionate presence to those in need.

We offer our congratulations to Lisa and keep her in our prayers as she continues this important ministry.

We are also 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/>

The Cost of Running our Church

Our church is sustained by the generosity of parishioners and supporters who give their time, talents and financial contributions throughout the year. **THANK YOU!** Many people are surprised to learn just how many different costs are involved in maintaining our worship, ministry, buildings and community life.

To help everyone better understand how your giving supports the life of the parish, we are introducing a regular feature in Parish News called "**The Cost of Running our Church**" -starting next week!

Each week we will highlight one item, service or project and explain what it costs over the course of a year. Some costs are familiar, such as flowers for Christmas and Easter, while others happen behind the scenes, including building inspections, insurance, licences, maintenance, utilities and hospitality.

We hope this feature will provide a clearer picture of the practical costs of parish life and encourage informed and prayerful giving. Every contribution, large or small, helps us continue our worship, mission and service to the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish. The very best way to support the life of the St Luke's is to make monthly contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme. link www.parishgiving....

Currently we are managing all our finances as best we can but there is a monthly deficit of around £2000 for our general running costs. Please help if you can.

Peter Blick Treasurer

Sway Carnival - Taste and see that the Lord is Good!

Friday July 3rd to Sunday July 12th, 2026

Have a look to see how St Luke's Church is getting involved with Sway Carnival!



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Sway Carnival Week is fast approaching, and this year St Luke's will be taking part in the Carnival Procession.

The carnival theme is **Retro Sweets, Toys and Treats**, and our church theme is **God's Pick 'n' Mix**, inspired by the words of Psalm 34:8:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Through our toddler groups, Bubble Church and Messy Church, we are blessed to welcome people of all ages and backgrounds into the life of our church. Our procession entry celebrates the wonderful truth that God's family is made up of all sorts of people, each loved and valued by Him.

We would love members of the St Luke's congregation to join us as we walk together in the procession on: **Saturday 11th July**

You don't need a costume, although you are very welcome to wear something colourful or sweet-themed if you'd like!

Lizzy
Family & Community Support Worker

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 Debbie know or Sara in the office or sign up at the back of church on the Sway Carnival Fete Church Rota.**

The People's Emergency Briefing Wednesday 15th July 7.30pm

We are writing to invite you and members of St Luke's Church PCC and Congregation to attend a local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate. To find out more please click on the link below.

[INVITATIONStLukesChurch.pdf](#)

Deanery Church Tent, New Forest and Hampshire County Show 2026

Tues 28th, Wed 29th and Thur 30th July 2026

Volunteers are needed to **serve refreshments and welcome visitors** to our ever-popular church tent. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Mary Robinson at the Brockenhurst church office on 01590 624584 or email Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com
Thank you.

ALPHA Dates 2026!

*After the success of last years APLHA course we are running the course again this coming September. The course will run for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm -8.45pm** ending with an away morning on Saturday 17th October. To find out more or to sign up please visit our website page using the link below.*

<https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/welcome/alpha-course/>



Many congratulations to Debbie on completing the BCM Church Without Walls course with Winchester Diocese! Debbie has a heart for mission! Debbie worships at the 9.30 service, sings in Charlie' s group and led one of the groups at Alpha last year. She is also hosting the church table at the Village fete on July 4th. If you would you like to join her we need 3 more volunteers! Please sign up at the back of church.

Date for your diary!

Saturday October 10th at 11am Winchester Cathedral - Licencing Service of Lay Ministers

Everyone is invited to come along for this special service supporting the following members of St Luke's who will be licenced:

Sue Cornwell- Bishop's Permission to Preach

Lizzy Smith- BCM Children and Families

Debbie Hull -BCM Church without walls.

Urgent Prayer Requests

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 mчнаughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families

The next **Messy Church is on 13th July at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/d9cmnvxz>

The next **Bubble Church is on 12th July** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/2nriqksz>

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Sunday 28th June 12.30pm Bring and share Picnic Lunch

Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm ALPHA Starts

Sunday 27th September Harvest Sunday and Lunch

Monday 29th June	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 30th June	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 1st July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 2nd July	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise

Friday 3rd July Sway Carnival Week Begins	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service
Saturday 4th July	12.30pm Wedding Nick and Sarah 11am - 3pm Sway Carnival Fete Jubilee Fields
Sunday 5th July	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion

Future Dates:

Monday 6th July Sway Carnival Week	9.30am Carnival Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 7th July	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 8th July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 9th July	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 10th July	9.30am Carnival Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 11th July	Sway Carnival Procession!
Sunday 12th July	8am Holy Communion Service 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Worship With Thanksgiving For Sway Carnival
Monday 13th July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 14th July	9.30am St Luke's School Yr 6 Leavers Service 10.30am SWAG Cafe

Wednesday 15th July	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 16th July	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 17th July	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 10am Friday Morning Service

Please check the website or churchsuite for all other events and dates.

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