

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 6th July 2025

Carnival Time! A time when the village comes together to party and have fun. There are 26 activities, congratulations to the carnival team! This year St Luke's Church have a presence at the fete and have a CHURCH TENT - a time to mix and share who we are and what we offer to the wider community, and we look forward to the children's Messy Church and Toddler Carnival events, and the Auction of Promises to be held in the church next Friday. Last Sunday was a real example of ministry in the wider community as Sway residents came together to celebrate Lisa Thomas's ordination - Sway councillors, church members, family and friends, all delighted for Lisa and thanking God for the call on her life. We send our love and prayers as she settles as a curate in Brockenhurst.

This week's wisdom is from Proverbs 18: 21

The tongue has the power of life or death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

With love and prayers,

Vicar Jane



WORSHIP

Wisdom for Today: Biblical Truth for Modern Life

"The Power of Words"

Proverbs 18:21; and James 3: 1-12

Luke 10:1-11

9.30am Informal Service

Leader & Speaker Revd. Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service

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

[July Informal Worship](#)

[July Traditional Worship](#)

Printed copies can also be found in church

Prayer

*God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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=ekVMbFBachHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

This week please pray for :

*Lydia and family
Family of Jean Maylon
Carnival events and Sway village
Rwanda trip in Aug- for planning and preparation.*

CHURCH NEWS

Urgent Prayer Circle

We have a new wonderful team for our urgent prayer circle. If you are in need of urgent prayer, then in the first instance 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

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

Sway Carnival 2025!



Carnival Week

LOTS PLANNED FOR ST LUKE'S AS
PART OF CARNIVAL WEEK THIS YEAR

Saturday 5th July 11am-3pm, Sway Carnival Fete
Monday 7th July 9.30-11am, Bump, Baby and Toddler Carnival Time
Monday 7th July 3.15-5pm, Carnival Messy Church
Friday 11th July 9.30-11am, Bump, Baby and Toddler Carnival Time
Saturday 12th July, Carnival PARADE. Come and join in, hold a flag,
wear a hat, carry a banner or dress up as a ringmaster!

Volunteers needed for all events. Contact church office if you can
help or complete sign up sheet in back of church.

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!

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!

CHURCH YOUTH CENTRE LAND UPDATE

The Parish Council asked for a direction of travel from the church by the 30th June regarding the youth centre land as the lease expires in 4 years time. The PCC have responded to the Parish Council as follows:

The view of the church is that the land should continue to be used for community use in connection with the mission of church. (other options are not therefore being considered)

There is very little support from the church for selling the freehold of the land so this is very unlikely.

The church is indicating strong support to keep the existing building - this honours those who donated money for it, it is a good eco option and the building is in better condition that previously thought.

The church has been generous in the past supporting the village and wants to continue to be generous - the task now is to wait for our professional advice and comply with charity law and consider the options for providing ongoing community use with as little disruption to current users as possible. There will be ongoing discussions with the Parish Council about how this might work if they were to renew the lease.

Jean Maylon

We are sharing the sad news that Jean Malyon (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. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 8th July at 12pm.

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



Our next Messy Church is on the 7th July!

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

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

You're invited

Summer Shared Supper

COME AND ENJOY A RELAXED SUMMER EVENING OF FOOD, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN. PLEASE BRING ALONG A SWEET OR SAVOURY DISH TO SHARE. DRINKS AND ICE CREAMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP: OFFICE@SWAYCHURCH.COM

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

20TH JULY, 6-9PM
THE VICARAGE, SWAY



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

New Forest Basics Food Bank - please donate in our box at the back of church.



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



Food bank items in urgent need

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



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

ALPHA TEAM HELPERS PREP MEETING

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.com

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 - Coming up: Carnival Garage Sale !



Helping Hands Across Continents: Support Our Friends in Rwanda

Parishioners in Kibirizi are rolling up their sleeves and working tirelessly to rebuild their church—brick by brick, with hope and determination. Can we match their effort from across the miles?

We're continuing to raise funds to provide vital building materials, and you can be part of the story.

Coming up: Carnival Garage Sale!

As a follow-up to our recent Pop-up Charity Shop, leftover treasures will be on sale at the *Carnival Garage Sale*, starting at **8:30am on Saturday 12th July outside the Youth Centre Garden.**

We'd love your help! Whether you're an early bird who can lend a hand setting up gazebos, tables, and displays, or a late riser who'd rather join in with selling and packing down, there's a place for you.

Many hands make light work—though it's still a lot easier than building a church in Rwanda under the hot sun!

If you can help, please get in touch with Jonathan (682504) or Sara in the church office.

Don't miss the chance to browse, buy, and make a difference—every penny counts toward this inspiring mission.

Jonathan Elliott-Jones

Coming up in the next week....

CARNIVAL WEEK! Monday 7th July	9.30am-11am	Carnival Baby Bump and Toddler
	3.30pm-5pm	Carnival Messy Church
Tuesday 8th July	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am - 11.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	12pm	Jean Malyon Funeral
	7pm	Alpha Helpers Meeting
Wednesday 9th July	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	1.45pm-2.30pm	Open the Book rehearsal
	2.30pm	Christian Meditation

Thursday 10th July	9am-9.20am	Online Morning Prayer
	7pm	Band Practise
Friday 11th July	9.30am-11am	Carnival Baby Bump and Toddler
	5pm	Auction of Promises
Saturday 12th July		Carnival Parade
	8.30am	Carnival Garage Sale Outside the Youth Centre

Sunday 13th July

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Informal Service
11am Parish Communion

Monday 14th July

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers

Tuesday 15th July

9.30am School Leavers Service
10am Community Gardening
10.30am SWAG Community Cafe
7pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 16th July

9am Parish Prayers
12pm Lunch Club
1.45pm Open the Book rehearsal

Thursday 17th July

9am Online Prayers
7pm Band Practise

Friday 18th July

9.30am Babies, Bumps and Toddlers
10am Friday Service

Sunday 20th July

9.30am Informal Service
11am Family Communion
4pm Evensong

Monday 21st July

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddlers

Tuesday 22nd July

10am Community gardening
10.30am Community Cafe

Wednesday 23rd July - Office closed for the Summer holidays

9am Parish Prayers

Thursday 24th July

9am Online Morning Prayers

12pm Thursday Afternoon Club

Friday 25th July

2pm Creative Space

2pm Sway Place Communion

Sunday 27th July

9.30am Informal Service

11am Morning Service

Contact Information

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