

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 19th April 2026**



The Big Launch! Our first Bubble Church is starting on SUNDAY MAY 10th 9.15am for a 9.30am start! 9.30am in CHURCH! This will be a regular feature on the second Sunday of every month. Bubble Church is a Sunday Church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Dear Friends,

The new term has started and we have a new 3 week sermon series and focus on vision and God leading us into new things. (Isaiah 43: 16-21) The APCM on 28th April is a time to pause and give thanks for our church life together, to reflect on our time, talents and financial giving and look ahead to where God is leading us. Highlights coming up are the Mission Lunch on 25th April and the launch of Bubble Church on 10th May. There will be a taster session in our 9.30 service this week - come along and join in!

In Christ
with love and prayers,

Jane

Families are warmly invited the Food for Thought Lunch next weekend in aid of the Kibirizi building project, with activities for younger children - see below for more information

Worship

Sunday 19th April 2026

Family Communion

Three week Vision and Giving journey around the APCM

Isaiah 43: 16-21

God leads his people forward

Gospel reading: Peter 1 : 17-23

9.30am Informal Service

Leader and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

11am Family Communion

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4pm Evensong

Leader Jonathan Elliott-Jones

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Ken, Janet and Sara B

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.

[CLICK HERE to join online prayers](#)

[CLICK HERE to see all of April 2026 Worship](#)

[CLICK HERE to see all of May 2026 Worship](#)

Paper copies for all services are available at the back of church.

Please note that all Friday morning services at 10am are postponed until further notice.



Prayers

The Third Sunday of Easter

*Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.*

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

We pray for St Luke's School, Pre-Schools, Nurseries, Primary and Secondary Schools across the New Forest. We pray for all young people and their families. We pray for the chaplains in schools and those who work in education.

Please pray for;
Rev Kevin,
Family of Michelle Petty
Gillian Colsell
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson

Church News

Sad News

During the recent holiday, Michelle Petty, one of the school parents, passed away unexpectedly. Our thoughts are with the family and we offer our sincere condolences at this incredibly difficult time.

Anyone who would like to share memories or light a candle for Michelle is invited to St Luke's Church on Monday 27th April at 1pm for a time of reflection. Any cards or messages for the family can be brought to the church on that day or sent to C/O Maria Jones, Little Holbrook, 56 Brookley Road Brockenhurst SO42 7RA.

This is a very sensitive time and we are here to offer support to families, to children and to the school. Please hold all who grieve in your prayers at this time. Thank you.

Community Litter Pick

This Sunday 19th April at 2pm - Meet at Church Rooms



Eco Church and ECO SWAY are jointly organising this community litter pick. Just an hour of your time will make a real difference to the cleanliness of Sway village. You will be given a litter picker, a hi-viz tabard and bags to collect rubbish. Please WEAR GLOVES. We have public liability insurance, but do not take any risks with large pieces of dangerous litter - tell the organisers and they will arrange to remove these.

Bring pickers, tabards and litter back to the Youth Centre lawn for disposal.

Thank you very much for your help.

Creative Space Friday 24th April 2026



I am writing this on a beautifully sunny Eastertide morning! Hoping for good weather to continue, the plan for Creative Space this month is to **meet in Potters Field, Chapel Lane, between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 24th April**...and take our inspiration from the sights and sounds of nature - God's wonderful creation. Some art materials will be available; and if you are able to bring your own that will be helpful. You may prefer simply to sit or walk and enjoy the peace and fresh air. **Please bring your own drink - there will be cake!**

Christine and Clive are happy for us to enjoy the meadow, although a prior engagement on this occasion means they are unlikely to be at home when we are there. We are so grateful to them for their generosity. In the event of a change in the weather (raining / chilly) the default will be to meet in Church as usual.

Registering via Church Suite, or by phoning the Church Office on 01590 682358, would help us to alert you to a late change of plan.

Looking forward to seeing you - hopefully in the meadow.

Bernice

Food for Thought Lunch: Life in Rwanda Saturday 25th April, 12 noon

Food for thought



Saturday 25 April @12 noon

Rev. Dr David Moynagh

A Taste of Rwanda – Stories, Soup, and Support

Join us for a light lunch and an inspiring talk by Rev. Dr David Moynagh, who grew up in Rwanda as the son of a missionary doctor. David will share vivid glimpses of Rwandan life and reflect on the country's tragic history of genocide—asking the challenging question: how could such horror unfold in a nation shaped by Christian faith?

Where: St Luke's Church Rooms

Cost: Free – all food generously donated

This event supports the new church building project in Kibirizi, our link parish in Rwanda.

Your presence and generosity will help build hope and community.

Reserve your place: Tickets from the church office (01590 682358) email office@swaychurch.com or via Church Suite.

"Supporting our friends in Kibirizi, one bowl at a time"

Food for Thought Lunch: Life in Rwanda – Saturday 25 April, 12 noon

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Free Lunch!

Next Saturday, 25 April at 12 noon, join us for our *Food for Thought* Lunch as Rev. Dr David Moynagh shares stories and reflections from his life in Rwanda. It's a great opportunity to discover more about the country and the history that has shaped its people.

Families are warmly welcome. We'll have simple activities available for children of primary-school age and younger, making it easier for parents to be part of the main session.

The lunch is free to attend, with an opportunity to contribute to the Kibirizi church building project for those who wish to. A flyer with full details is attached above for anyone who would like to come along.

Thanks

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

[SIGN UP HERE for Mission Lunch 25th April 12pm](#)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - ACPM Tuesday 28th April 2026 at St Luke's Church

The next Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for St Luke's Church, Sway, will be held on:

Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7:00pm in the church.

Copies of the following ; Ministry Report, Finance Report, Minutes from the ACPM held on 7th May 2026, have been emailed out to those on the electoral roll, and paper copies can also be found at the back of church. These reports are also available to view on our website by clicking on the link below.

[CLICK HERE to go to our ACPM webpage](#)

Quinquennial Report 2025

Our 2025 Quinquennial Report has just been received. Anyone that would like a copy please contact Sara in the church office on office@swaychurch.com alternatively have a chat with Russell our Church Warden who can tell you more.

Congratulations to Sophie & Adam Gates



Leo James Gates born on 8th April 2026 weighing 7lb 7oz.

Warmest congratulations to Sophie and Adam and family on the joyful arrival of their baby boy Leo. We give thanks for this wonderful blessing and pray that their family is filled with love, good health, and many happy moments together.

Church Land/Youth Centre

NEW joint Working Group update

The joint working group met on Wednesday 25 March for a further constructive session, building on the strong progress made in recent meetings. Members were encouraged by the positivity of the residents' meeting held on Friday 20 March, which provided a valuable opportunity to clarify the exciting future vision for the Youth Centre and reaffirm community support.

The PCC has agreed in principle to a minimum lease term of 50 years, with consideration being given to a clause in the lease allowing a potential further extension. This will provide a strong foundation for long-term planning and investment.

During the meeting, the group reviewed key elements of the proposed arrangements, including responsibilities and governance structure, as well as the principles that will underpin the heads of terms.

The next meeting will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 15 April and will focus on finalising recommendations, which will then be presented to both the PCC and SPC for independent approval at their respective meetings.

This meeting on 15th April - has been postponed due to a diary clash.

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.

Sunday Sound Desk Volunteers Needed! Please spread the word!



HELP US ROCK THE SUNDAY SERVICE

SOUND DESK HELP NEEDED!

Join our Sunday sound team to help create an inspiring worship experience!
No prior visual or sound experience:
- training provided!

Contact us at
office@swaychurch.com

Pastoral Support

If you require pastoral support, in the first instance please contact Sandra Clarke or Janet Kirk via Sara in the church office, who will be happy to assist you. 01590 682358.

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 mcnaughthome@protonmail.com.

Children and Families

Bubble Church COMING SOON on 10th May 2026 at 9.15am!
[Sign up HERE for Bubble Church](#)



Mission News

Please read our Mission Matters: Global Partners news roundup by clicking on the link below.

[CLICK HERE to read - Mission Matters Global Partners News Roundup](#)

Pastor Vinney has sent over his latest news - please click on the link below to read it.

[CLICK HERE to read Pastor Vianney's Newsletter March 2026](#)

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 20th April	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 21st April	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 22nd April	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm Christian Meditation
Thursday 23rd April	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 24th April	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 2pm Creative Space
Saturday 25th April	12pm Mission Lunch in Church Rooms

Future Dates:

Sunday 26th April	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Service
Monday 27th April	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 1pm Sharing Memories & Lighting Candles in Church
Tuesday 28th April	10.30am SWAG Cafe 7pm APCM
Wednesday 29th April	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book

Thursday 30th April	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 1st May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 2nd May	
Sunday 3rd May	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday Office Closed
Tuesday 5th May	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 6th May	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 7th May	HCC Elections all day in Church Rooms 9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 8th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 9th May	
Sunday 10th May	8am Holy Communion 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Service

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

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