WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 9th November 2025 Remembrance Sunday



On Sunday we welcome six retired members of the Royal Hampshire Regiment at the Remembrance Service. It will be really interesting to hear of local Sway connections and the Battle of Tebourba (Tebourba Cottages off Station Road with the same name). We honour and remember all those who have died or who suffer injuries as a result of war. We enjoy incredible freedom today that will never be taken for granted - we will remember them.

Jane

Revd Jane Mitchell

Worship

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end Luke 20: 27-38

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Remembrance Service

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell & Speakers Simon Hemsley, a Veteran from The Royal Hampshire Regiment, and Revd. Jane Mitchell.

10.30am Coffee in Church Rooms thank you to our coffee team Sheila, Hazel, and Jane Gates.

10.50am War Memorial Service

Coffee available back in church rooms after this service.

CLICK HERE to see ALL of November Worship

Paper copies at the back of church.

December and Christmas Worship will be included in next weeks newsletter.

Prayer

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

This week please pray for:

Lydia and family Love in a Box outreach Eco Church and net zero work Lymington Food Bank New Post Alpha home groups

Church News

Remembrance Sunday 9th November Service at 9.30am and 10.50am at the War Memorial.



Family Rwanda Brunch – Saturday 22nd November, 10:30 am - please see Mission News at end of this Newsletter to find out more!



SWAG Soup & Sandwich



Starting this coming **Tuesday 11th November** SWAG Community Cafe are offering a soup and sandwich lunch from 12pm. This will be offered after the Community Cafe on the 2nd Tuesday of the month running through until February. The dates are; **11th November**, **9th December**, **13th January**, **10th February**. We hope to see you there.

Love - in - a - Box



There is still time to help with the love in a box appeal. You can fill a covered box if you are very quick or you can make a monetary donation. For more information contact me Janet, on 682965, lealan@uwclub.net or at Hillside, Middle Road.

If you would like to help then do come to my house on **Wednesday, November** 12th from 11 am till 1 pm where we will be checking the school boxes.

Thank you all,

Janet

A Message from Sway WI

Sway WI are running defibrillator training on **Sunday 16th November** in the Village Hall. This will include the British Heart Foundation training video, refreshments –

tea, coffee cakes etc. And a collection for the maintenance of the Village Hall defibrillator. There will be two sessions to choose from during the afternoon: 2.30pm and 3.15pm. Please do come along if you would like to take part!

10.30am Coffee Time!



We would love more contributions of baked cakes or biscuits at our Sunday coffee times! Feel free to drop these off at the table by the kitchen at the back of church.

Sound Desk Volunteers Needed

We need some more recruits to help with the sound desk, particularly on Sundays at the 11am services. It involves turning on the laptop and connecting to the livestream and setting up the microphones. Once you know how it is very straight forward. If you would like to join the sound desk team, or know someone that could help, please contact Sara in the church office on 01590 682358 we would love to hear from you! Basic training is offered.

A message from Eco Church

A Recycling Charity has asked if we could join in their current campaign to collect postcards to raise funds for MAF - Mission Aviation Fellowship. Not many of us send postcards these days, do we? So they are looking for old postcards which may be sitting in a drawer or cupboard in our homes.

If you want to help, could you have a little look around your home please and put your postcards in the box near the Font at the back of Church. This will be in place until Christmas.

Thank you very much. Eco Church

Urgent Prayer Requests

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



Messy Church - Monday 10th November 3.30pm

We're also excited for the return of Messy Church on the first Monday back! Messy Church is a fun, creative, and family-friendly time for primary-aged children and their siblings, with crafts, stories, songs, and a short time of worship — followed by a **chicken nugget tea** together.

You're very welcome to sign up in advance (it helps us plan food), but don't worry if you forget — you can just come along on the day too.

CLICK HERE to sign up for Messy Church

Mission News

Family Rwanda Brunch - Saturday 22nd November, 10:30 am



What could be better than a relaxed Saturday morning filled with good food, great company, and inspiring stories?

Join us in the Church Rooms for a delicious **Family Brunch**, generously provided by parish volunteers. As we gather around the table, Jane, Jonathan, Lisa, Kevin, and Rosemary will share heartfelt reflections from their recent visit to our link parish in **Rwanda**—a journey of worship, hospitality, and deepening friendship.

Tickets are free (thanks to the generous donation of all food), but space is limited—please reserve yours through the Church Office or on Church Suite.

While the brunch is a gift to all, we warmly welcome donations to support our Rwandan partners and nurture the growing bond between our communities.

Let's eat, connect, and celebrate the joy of fellowship across continents!

Friends of Kisiizi Hospital Day - Saturday 8th November

This year's Friends Day will be held at Brookside Church near Reading. We will hear updates from Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda and pray for the staff in their many vital ministries.

Sadly, Dr Henry Lukabwe, Medical Superintendent of Kisiizi Hospital, has not been able to secure a visa and will therefore be unable to join us in person. Please continue to hold him, his family, and the hospital team in your prayers.

A car will be leaving Sway next Saturday morning at 8:30am. If you would like a lift, please speak to Jonathan or check with Sara in the Church Office.

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Mission Partner Update - Bev Cannon (formerly Richardson)

Read the latest newsletter from **Bev Cannon**, our Mission Partner serving at Cuenca Christian Church in Ecuador. Bev, a former member of our congregation, visited us in August and continues to bless others through her ministry abroad.

CLICK HERE to read Bev Cannon's Newsletter

Church Land update: Parish Councillors and members of the PCC are meeting on November 13th to discuss proposals and continue conversations. Further updates will follow.

Dates for the Diary Next Week:

Monday 10th November	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 11th November	9am Parish Morning Prayers 10am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe 2.45pm Remembrance Assembly in school
Wednesday 12th November	9am Parish Prayers 1.45pm Open the book rehearsal 1.30pm Governors meeting 2.30pm Christian Meditation

Thursday 13th November	9am Online Prayers 11am Monthly pastoral meeting 3pm Governors meeting 7pm PCC and Parish Council Meeting
Friday 14th November	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler 7.30pm Choir Practise

Future Dates:

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Saturday 15th November	9am PCC Vision Morning
Sunday 16th November	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong
Monday 17th November	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler
Tuesday 18th November	9am Parish Morning Prayers 10am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe 7pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 19th November	9am Parish Prayers 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book Rehearsal

Thursday 20th November	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 21st November	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler 10am Friday Service 7.30pm Choir Practise
Saturday 22nd November	Rwanda Mission Brunch
Sunday 23rd November	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Service

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

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