

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH  
SUNDAY 29th March 2026**



Dear Friends,

This week, it has been a real joy to welcome children from St Luke's school to take part in the Easter Experience. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and thoughtful questions brought the story of Easter to life in a special way for everyone involved. Through interactive activities and reflection, the children explored the meaning of Easter, from the hope of Palm Sunday to the sorrow of the cross and the joy of the resurrection. It has been a privilege to share this important story with them and to see its message of hope, love, and new life resonate so clearly in their hearts. Thank you to Sue, Hazel, Debbie, Janet, Maureen and Ellie for helping to bring the Easter story to life.

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Easter.

Sara

**Please all remember the clocks SPRING FORWARDS by one hour this Sunday at 1am on 29th March!**

## **Worship**

**Sunday 29th March 2026**

***Palm Sunday***

*Morning Worship - Lent week 6*

*Psalm 118 1-2, 19-end*

*Matthew 21: 1-11*

***9.30am Informal Service***

*Leader and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell*

***11am Palm Sunday Morning Worship***

*Leader and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell*

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

**Maundy Thursday 2nd April**

**7pm Service**

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell

**Good Friday 3rd April**

**10am Service**

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell

**Sunday 5th April**

**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

**8am Holy Communion**

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell

**10am Easter Celebration Service**

Leader and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

**Sunday 12th April**

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Luke 24 ; 13-35

**8am Holy Communion**

Leader Revd Chris Guinness

**9.30am Informal Service**

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell, Speaker Peter Blick

**11am Morning Service**

Leader Sue Cornwell, Speaker Peter Blick

**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](#)

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

**Please note that all of Kevin's Friday morning services at 10am are postponed until further notice.**



## Prayers

### **Palm Sunday**

True and humble king,  
 hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
 grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
 that we may be found beside you  
 on the way of the cross,  
 which is the path of glory.

### **Easter Day**

God of glory,  
 by the raising of your Son  
 you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
 fill your Church with faith and hope;  
 for a new day has dawned  
 and the way to life stands open  
 in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
 for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
 open the doors of our hearts,  
 that we may seek the good of others  
 and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
 to the praise of God the Father.

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

*Sway Residents: Praying for our neighbours for blessing and peace and for the Lord to meet residents at their point of need.*

Please pray for;

*Kevin, he would very much like your prayers as he is unwell at the moment*

*Family of Valerie Ann May*

*Family of Noreen Pettit*

*Gillian Colsell*

*Lydia and family*

*Anne Johnson*

## **Church News**

**Please note that the next Parish News will be sent on Friday 17th April when the office reopens after Easter. The office reopens on Monday 13th April. However, it will be open for urgent enquires between 10am-12pm on 30th March & 1st, 2nd & 8th April - thank you to Lizzy, Heather and Sheila.**

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**Easter Services at St Luke's 2026**



  
**PALEM  
SUNDAY  
SERVICE**  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 9.30am Informal Service  
 11am Palm Sunday Service  
 st luke's church, sway



**Maundy Thursday**  
 Thursday 2nd April, 7pm  
 Join us for a traditional and reflective service with readings and music from the organ and choir.  
  
*'Love each other as I have loved you' John 15: 12*  
 st luke's church, sway

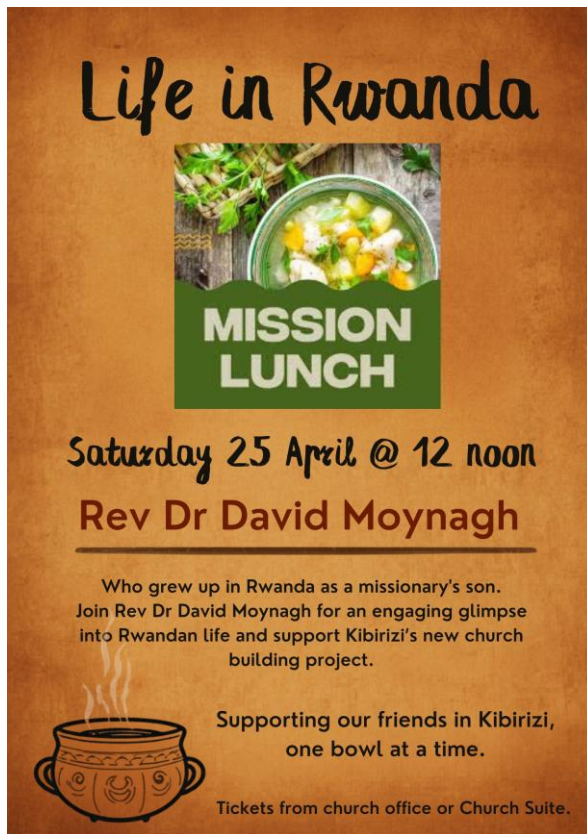


**Good FRIDAY**  
 Friday 3rd April 10am  
 Join us at St Luke's Church, Sway for our Good Friday Service. Refreshments served afterwards.  




Join us at St Luke's Church, Sway for  
  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
 Sunday 5th April  
 8AM HOLY COMMUNION  
 10AM CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION.  
 Refreshments to follow 10am Service  


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



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

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

**For around 15 years St Luke's has stood alongside our link parish of Kibirizi in Rwanda, a beautiful yet enigmatic country. On Saturday 25 April at 12 noon, we welcome Rev Dr David Moynagh who grew up there as the son of a missionary for our Food for Thought Lunch in the Church Rooms. Join us for an engaging glimpse into Rwandan life, and help support Kibirizi's new church building project with a collection on the day.**

David for many years was a GP living in Sway. He grew up in Rwanda as the son of a missionary, and returned later. He brings with him a lifetime of stories, insight, and lived experience of a country that continues to inspire and challenge in equal measure. His reflections on everyday life, faith, and community in Rwanda promise to be both eye-opening and deeply encouraging.

As part of our ongoing friendship with our link parish in Kibirizi, there will be a collection in support of their church building project—a practical way

for us to stand alongside them as they strengthen their ministry and create space for their growing congregation.

A simple lunch will be provided, and all are warmly invited to come, listen, learn, and enjoy good company.

Tickets are available from the church office, on Church Suite or click on the link below.

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

**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.*

**Sunday Sound Desk Volunteers Needed! Please spread the word!**

**HELP US ROCK THE  
SUNDAY SERVICE**

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**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](mailto:office@swaychurch.com)

## **SWAG LUNCH CLUB CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that the SWAG Lunch Club which was scheduled for Wednesday 1st April at 12pm has now been **moved to Thursday 2nd April at 12pm** - this is due to a power cut on the 1st April affecting the church and church rooms. We hope that you can still all make it. We look forward to seeing you all at the next Lunch Club on Wednesday 18th March at 12pm.

## **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns about safeguarding issues over the Easter holiday period, please do not hesitate to contact the safeguarding team. Support remains available, and it is important that any concerns are reported promptly. For further information and guidance, please refer to our website.

[CLICK HERE to go to our safeguarding page](#)

## **Ukraine Donations - new drop off at Church Office**

**You can drop off  
donations  
for Ukraine at  
the church  
office**



**Monday to Friday  
between 10:00  
AM – 12:00 PM  
term time only**

**Thank you for your  
support and generosity.**

**[CLICK HERE to read the New Forest for Ukraine March Newsletter. This also gives suggest items to donate.](#)**

### **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**

**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](mailto:mcnaughthome@protonmail.com).

## Church Rooms Available for Hire



Our church rooms are available to hire for parties, meetings, events and community gatherings of all kinds. The spaces are welcoming, well-maintained, and ideal for both one-off events and regular bookings. For rates, availability, and further details, please enquire at the Church Office on 01590 682358 or email [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com)

**Volunteers  
Needed!**



Our church life thrives thanks to the generosity of those who give their time and gifts, and we would love to welcome more volunteers. If you would like to help with reading or leading prayers during services, serving on the Sunday coffee team, or assisting at the sound desk on Sundays, please do come forward. No experience is necessary just a willingness to be involved and support will be given. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact the Church Office on 01590 682358 or email [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com)

## Children and Families

### Easter events for the family....



**Easter Egg Hunt!**

Oasis is holding our first ever Easter Egg Hunt! Come in with your primary school aged children during the Easter school holidays, hunt for the eggs, learn about the true Easter story and win a prize!

**Oasis Christian Centre**  
25 Church Street  
Romsey  
Hampshire, SO51 8BT  
Telephone 01794 512194  
Email: [shop@oasisromsey.co.uk](mailto:shop@oasisromsey.co.uk)  
[www.oasisromsey.co.uk](http://www.oasisromsey.co.uk)

**The Real Easter Egg!**

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. All our eggs are Palm Oil free and the Original and Dark eggs are plastic free.

Available now at Oasis. Please continue to support your local Christian Bookshop.

### Bubble Church COMING SOON watch this space !

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, and it coming soon to St Luke's!



**The next Messy Church is on Monday 13th April at 3.30pm!**

## 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:

**Please note the church office will be closed on Monday 30th March for the Easter Holidays, and reopens on Monday 13th April. However, it will be open for urgent enquires between 10am-12pm on 30th March & 1st, 2nd & 8th April, thank you to Lizzy, Heather and Sheila.**

<b>Monday 30th March</b>	Office Closed - School Easter Holidays begins
<b>Tuesday 31st March</b>	10.30am SWAG Cafe
<b>Wednesday 1st April</b>	9am Parish Morning Prayers
<b>Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday</b>	9am Online Prayers 12pm SWAG Easter Lunch Club - rescheduled date <b>7pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>
<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	<b>10am Good Friday Service</b>

Future Dates:

<b>Sunday 5th April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <b>10am Easter Sunday Service</b>
Monday 6th April	
Tuesday 7th April	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 8th April	9am Parish Morning Prayers 2.30pm Christian Meditation
Thursday 9th April	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 10th April	2pm Thanksgiving Service for Noreen Pettit
Saturday 11th April	
<b>Sunday 12th April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <b>9.30am Informal Service</b> <b>11am Morning Service</b>
Monday 13th April	Office reopens 9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 14th April	10.30am SWAG Cafe 2pm Sway Place Volunteers Tea
Wednesday 15th April	9am Parish Morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 16th April	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 17th April	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group

Saturday 18th April	
<b>Sunday 19th April</b>	<b>9.30am Informal Service</b> <b>11am Family Communion</b> <b>4pm Evensong</b>

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

### Contact Information

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