

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 26th April 2026**



A beautiful day -Photo taken Friday 24th April 2026

I am excited and expectant to see God continue to be at work in our midst. Sometimes it is at the very saddest of times such as the death of a loved one when he brings comfort and peace and sometimes at the most joyful- at the birth of a new baby or at a wedding. God knows you and me by name and is always at work. Do you perceive Him? The challenge is to draw close in the everyday and sense His glorious presence in every day and every moment.

As we reflect at the APCM next Tuesday over the past year giving thanks and look forward to the year to come - we are confident in His faithfulness that He will continue to pour out His love as we worship His Holy Name.

love and prayers

Jane

Worship

Sunday 26th April 2026

Morning Worship

Three week Vision and Giving sermon series around APCM

"What God can do through us - Vision in Action"

2 Corinthians 8: 1-7 - the Grace of Giving

Philippians 1: 3-6 - Partnership in the Gospel

9.30am Informal Service

Leader and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

11am Morning Worship

Leader Ian Burnham and Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to our coffee team this week Sheila and Hazel - if you are in church at coffee time and can help then please do as we are short of helpers this week!

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 HERE to see all of May 2026 Worship

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

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



Prayers

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.*

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

Lord we thank you each week for our growing congregation. Those on a Sunday and those during the week. We pray for your blessing Lord on initiatives that open up opportunities for a deeper engagement to grow in you and each other in word and spirit. We pray for those doing training courses with the diocese.

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.

Food for Thought Lunch: Life in Rwanda

Saturday 25th April, 12 noon - we look forward to seeing you then!

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

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

A reminder for those who have signed up, join us on Saturday, 25 April at 12 noon, 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.

Thanks

Yours in Fellowship

Jonathan

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.

Open Gardens Parking on Sunday 7th June

Just a reminder that Sunday 7th June is a busy day for parking in and around the church, and so there will be a coned off area in the YC car park for the church congregation only to use. Please keep these spaces free for members of the congregation attending services that need to park near to the church.

Thank you.

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 has met and agreed recommended heads of terms for agreement by each council independently, and the intention is to have this agreement from both parties in place before the end of May. At this point lawyers will be instructed to draw up the draft lease for review. The heads of terms will be published at the point they are agreed in full.

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.

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.

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 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 in Church
Wednesday 29th April	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 30th April	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 1st May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group

Future Dates:

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 with Vicar Jane 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Service
Monday 11th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 3.30pm Messy Church
Tuesday 12th May	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 13th May	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book
Thursday 14th May	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club 6.30pm Ascension Day Service

Friday 15th May	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 7.30pm Church Choir Rehearsals
Saturday 16th May	
Sunday 17th May	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion 4pm Evensong

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

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