

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 25th October



A Heartfelt Thank You

Our Patronal Evensong was a wonderful occasion, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.

So many people contributed in different ways: those who planned and organised, those who lead the service, Rosemary for conducting our augmented choir, our visiting organist, Timothy Rice, the readers, welcomers and refreshments team, and all who worked quietly behind the scenes before, during and afterwards. Your generosity of time, gifts and energy helped create a service that was both prayerful and joyful.

A special mention must go to everyone who baked, donated and served the truly magnificent spread of cakes and refreshments. The post-service fellowship was a delight, and the abundance of delicious cakes was much appreciated by all who attended!

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came along and shared in the celebration. Patronal Festival services are a reminder that the Church is not simply a building, but a community of people serving God together. We are grateful for every contribution, large or small, which made the afternoon such a memorable one.

Thank you all for helping to make our Patronal Evensong such a special celebration of the life of our parish.

Jonathan

This is a two - week Parish News as the office is closed next week for half-term.

However, the church office will be open on Thursday 29th October 10am-11.30am for urgent enquiries only. Thank you to Sheila Green.

Worship

Sunday 25th October 2026

Morning Worship

Psalms for Hope and Encouragement

Psalm 103 When we need to remember God's Goodness
Matthew 24: 30-35

9.30am Informal Service

Leader & Speaker Revd. Jane Mitchell

11am Family Communion

Leader Ian Burnham & Speaker Revd. Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - with thanks to Sheila and Sally

If you would like to volunteer to help with serving coffee on a Sunday please let Sara in the office know - we are always grateful for more helpers!

Sunday 1st November 2026

Parish Communion

All Saints Day

Revelation 7: 9-end

Matthew 5: 1-12

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith

11am Parish Communion

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell & Speaker Sue Cornwell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - with thanks to Hazel and Jane Gates

3pm Service of Thanksgiving

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell

Please join us for tea and cake in the church rooms after the service

Join Us for Online Thursday Prayers 9am

Everyone is warmly invited to join our informal online Thursday Prayers, led by Vicar Jane.

To keep things simple and comfortable, we keep our cameras turned off while Jane leads the prayers, making it easy for anyone to join from home, whether you'd like to listen quietly or pray along.

Please note that we have a new Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75034314218?pwd=gKaUgEZhp78KEddn1CrKI9kbqU6B7u.1>

CLICK below to see ALL of November and December worship

November Worship 2026.pdf

December Worship 2026.pdf

Paper copies for worship are available at the back of church.

Here is a copy of the readings for ALL Sunday Services from 11th October until 20th December 2026 - paper copies at the back of church

Readings Sunday Services.pdf

Prayers

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity - 25th October

*Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Last Sunday after Trinity - 1st November

*Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Please pray for;

Barry Cornwell

Freya Fisher

For volunteers at Basics Food Bank and the families they serve

Church Finances

Lydia and family

Church News

Sway News – Good News!

Many people have been asking about the future of *Sway News*, and I'm delighted to share the good news that Roz has agreed to continue as editor for another year.

Sway News is full of interesting articles and local news, and is greatly valued by so many people across our community. We are very grateful to Roz for the time, energy and commitment she gives to producing the magazine, and to all the local advertisers whose faithful support makes its publication possible.

The advertising income also helps to support community events, so the magazine makes a valuable contribution to village life in more ways than one. Thank you to everyone who helps make *Sway News* such an important part of our community.

If you have an interesting story, article or piece of local news to share, please do get in touch with Roz at swaynews@swayvillage.co.uk. Your contributions help keep Sway News interesting, relevant and full of the stories that matter to our village.

Could you help with Sway News?

Sway News is looking for a volunteer who lives in the village and could help by keeping tabs on stocks of the magazine in the village shops, topping up the copies when needed and collecting the money. Sway News is printed every two months and most copies sell in the first couple of weeks.

Possibly a role for someone who regularly uses the local shops, Post Office etc or is happy to take a walk through the village every few days popping into the shops to see how many copies are left.

Could this be you? It would be a valuable way to support this much-loved village publication and help keep our community connected.

If you are able to help, please contact Sara in the church office on **01590 682358**.

Thank you for supporting Sway News!

Creative Space - Friday 30th October at 2pm

On



Sunday, 1st November, St Luke's annual Service of Thanksgiving will take place at 3pm in church; and the following weekend, on 8th November, it will be Remembrance Sunday. So, for our creative gathering this month, let's focus on remembrance and thanksgiving.

Please click on the link below to sign up or find out more.

<https://stlukesway.churchsuite.com/events/rdaakx0v>
Click on the link below to see Creative Space dates in 2027

[Creative Space dates.pdf](#)

Thanksgiving Service Sunday 1st November at 3pm

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

9.30am in Church and 10.50am at the War Memorial

Mission Sunday 22nd November

Sunday 22nd November is Mission Sunday, and we will be taking a special collection in support of The Children's Society, helping to support vulnerable children and young people.

Lunchtime Music Concert by St Luke's Church Choir

A date for your diary!

Saturday 28th November 2026 at 12.30pm!

More details to follow in the next Parish News!

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

Mission

Mission Partners Update

Our mission partnerships continue to make a real difference both locally and overseas.

New Forest Basics Bank supports individuals and families across the southern New Forest who are facing financial hardship. This Advent, St Luke's will again support their Reverse Advent Calendar, inviting us to set aside food, toiletries and Christmas essentials to help those in need within our local community. Suitable Christmassy bags for your gifts are available at the back of church along with the lists of suggested items. Click on the link below to see the reverse advent calendar. Paper copies are also available at the back of church.

[Reverse Advent Calendar 2026 v1.pdf](#)

In Kibirizi Parish, Rwanda, exciting progress is being made on the new church building, with plans to begin using the building in early 2027 for children's education, support for older people and family counselling, even before its formal opening. We also give thanks for the faithful ministry of Pastor Vianney, who is due to retire in February 2027 after many years of dedicated service. Please continue to pray for the parish, the building project and the transition to new leadership. Click on the link below to read Pastor Vianney's letter.

[Pastor Vianney letter October 2026.docx](#)

Meanwhile, our long-standing partners at Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda, continue to provide life-changing healthcare, education and community support. Encouraging reports from the recent Friends of Kisiizi gathering highlighted ongoing development across the hospital's services. We are also delighted to offer items from the Bags of Difference project, a fair-trade initiative that provides additional income for hospital staff and local families through the sale of handcrafted Ugandan textiles and gifts. These unique items will be available at the back of church and make excellent Christmas presents. Click on the link below to read the latest Kisiizi Hospital Newsletter.

[Kisiizi Hospital Newsletter_2026 September.pdf](#)

On Sunday 22nd November we will be welcoming Jonathan de Sausmarez from The Children's Society as our guest speaker at both our services. The Children's Society supports vulnerable children and young people, helping those facing poverty, abuse, exploitation, and mental health challenges, while campaigning for lasting change.

Jonathan will bring us up to date with their activities. We will make collections that day in support of their work.

Please continue to support all our mission partners through your prayers, encouragement and generosity. Click on the link below to read out Oct-Nov Update.

Jonathan

[Mission Matters October-November 2026.docx](#)

Children and Families

The next **Bubble Church is on Sunday 1st November** at 9.15am.

(This is a week earlier than usual due to 8th Nov being Remembrance Sunday)

CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/fvtufhzw>

The next **Messy Church is on Monday 9th November at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/5zusppcl>

Next Week:

Monday 26th October	Church Office Closed
Half Term	
Tuesday 27th October	10.30am SWAG Cafe

Wednesday 28th October	9am Parish Prayers
Thursday 29th October	9am Online Prayers Church Office Open 10am-11.30am 7pm Band Practise
Friday 30th October	2pm Creative Space 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 31st October	
Sunday 1st November	9.15am Bubble Church 11am Parish Communion 3pm Service of Thanksgiving

Future

Monday 2nd November Half Term Continues	Church Office Reopens
Tuesday 3rd November	10.30am SWAG Cafe 4pm PCC Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4th November	9am Parish Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club
Thursday 5th November	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 6th November	10am Friday Morning Service 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 7th November	
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Remembrance Day Service 10.50am War Memorial Service

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

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