

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 20th September



We made a wonderful beginning with our Open The Book team yesterday, performing 'In the Beginning', very apt for the Creationtide series. We are so blessed when we go into school each week...the whole school welcome us!

Sue

"Trust in the Lord and see what He will do. " Often in life we just need to trust the Lord when we are unsure of the future. This can apply to our own lives, our church, or our families. I have been encouraged this year as spiritually we have 2 new Alpha groups, and Bubble Church is just beautiful and establishing a new and younger congregation at St Luke's. We still have our challenges and one of those is financial. Our Gift Day is coming up next week - please take the time to pray, review your giving, start giving, increase giving or ask for help! The main focus is Jesus and only out of what he has given us already do we share with others as part of our Love fore God. We can't outgive God!

We Praise His Name.

Love and prayers

Vicar Jane

Worship

Sunday 20th September 2026

Creationtide week 3

Family Communion

Hopeful Action (Guest Speaker: Sam Scott; Church of England Net Zero)

Romans 8:18-25

Matthew 20:1-16

9.30am Informal Service

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell and Speaker Sam Scott

11am Family Communion

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell & Speaker Sam Scott

4pm Evensong

Leader Jonathan Elliott-Jones

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Peter, Sheila and Sally

Join Us for Online Thursday Prayers 9am

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

Each Thursday we gather on Zoom for a relaxed time of prayer and reflection. Jane shares a short reflection on the Bible passage for the week, we pray for people and events in the Church calendar, and there is also an opportunity to include any prayer requests that are shared.

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/73536322523?pwd=NTRJgH72l8MRaLFus0Ea6yUXSbBieg.1>



Please note that the service on Friday 18th September at 10am has been cancelled - Kevin has an appointment this day and sends his apologies.

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

Prayers

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Please pray for;

*Family of Gillian Colsell
Family of Peter Harness
Merilyn Christian-Edwards
Lydia and family
Anne Johnson
Alpha leaders, helpers and guests*

Thanksgiving Service for Gillian

We will be holding a **Thanksgiving Service for Gillian on Monday 28th September at 2.00pm** in church.

This will be an opportunity for us to come together to give thanks to God for Gillian's life and to remember and celebrate her with gratitude.

Following the service, there will be tea and cake in the church.

All are very welcome.

Church News



Congratulations to St Luke's School!

St Luke's CofE School in Sway has become the first school in the UK to be re-accredited at the Gold Level for the Global Neighbours Award. Fantastic news! While this accolade, and the fact that Winchester has the highest number of schools accredited in England is great, what drives Jane and I in championing, encouraging and being a constant mouthpiece for Global Neighbours, isn't the kitemark/award, but the fact that the process, and content of the Award changes culture and cements and thrusts such movement and impacts on children, staff and their communities.

The Global Neighbours Award is run by Christian Aid and is endorsed by the CofE. It has so many elements that promote and celebrate diversity and Racial Justice.

Well done to everyone at St Luke's School on this achievement.

Jeff Williams
Director of Education

Sustainable Church Flowers Festival

We're delighted to share news of the **Sustainable Church Flowers Festival**, taking place on **19th and 20th September, from 10am-4pm**, at **St Anne's Catholic Church in Brockenhurst**. Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays while discovering more about sustainable flower arranging. All are very welcome!

ALPHA continues on Wednesday 23rd September 2.30pm & 6.45pm!

Creationtide 1st September 2026 - 4th October 2026

This September, St Luke's will be marking **Creationtide** over four weeks, as we reflect on God's wonderful creation and our responsibility to care for it. The season will culminate in our **Church Family Harvest Lunch** on **Sunday 27th September**.

Creative Space - Friday 25th September 2pm



This month, Rae will be sharing her 'textile based playbook' and work that she has completed in response to a recent trip to Ventnor Botanic Gardens. Alongside her new obsession with fig trees, Rae would like to share some thoughts about art, faith, and fear of creativity. Please click on the link below to sign up.

<https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/wplrwrre>

Lyndhurst Deanery Evensong

The annual **Lyndhurst Deanery Evensong**, a traditional service following the pattern from the Book of Common Prayer, will this year be at **Beaulieu Abbey Church on Sunday 11th October**.

This occasion gives local musical voices the opportunity to join together and encourage one another, making wonderful music and worshipping as one. All congregations, Clergy and Readers / LLM's from around the Deanery will be most welcome to join with us for the service at **5.30pm**.

We are very grateful to the Rector, Rev. Catherine Cowie, Mike Noble, and the team at Beaulieu Abbey Church for welcoming us this year.

We very much look forward to being with as many people who would like to come.

Timothy Rice

Saturday October 10th at 11am Winchester Cathedral - Licencing Service of Lay Ministers

Everyone is invited to come along for this special service supporting the following members of St Luke's who will be licenced:

Sue Cornwell- Bishop's Permission to Preach, Lizzy Smith- BCM Children and Families, and Debbie Hull -BCM Church without walls.

Children's Society Coffee Morning



This year our Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday, October 17th**. As usual it will be held at my house Hillside, Middle Road from **10am till 12noon**. There will be coffee and cakes, Christmas cards for sale, a cake stall and a raffle. Please come and support this very worthy charity which does an enormous amount of work with children and specifically young adults See you there.

Janet Lealan

Festal Evensong on 18th October 4pm

We warmly invite you to join us for **Festal Evensong on Sunday 18th October at 4pm** a beautiful service of music, prayer and reflection, and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family.

The Cost of Running Our Church

As part of our regular feature, we'd like to highlight some of the items and projects that the church has funded this month.

In the last two months we have paid for:

- **Boiler Service £90**
- **Bump Baby & Toddler Moving up to School Books £100**

- **Annual Gutter Clean of Church Rooms £90**

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of any of these items, whether in full or in part, we would be very grateful. You can do this using the link below or through your own parish giving account if you have one. Every gift helps us continue our ministry, care for our buildings and invest in the life of our church and community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/sway-lymington>

Grave Care Service

If you have a loved one's grave that could do with a little care and attention, **Down to Earth Grave Care** offer a thoughtful and respectful grave cleaning service. They can help keep graves looking cared for and well presented, particularly if you are unable to visit as often as you would like. Please contact Down to Earth Grave Care for further information on sharon@downtoearthgravecare.co.uk or on 07447445269

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

The next **Bubble Church is on Sunday 11th October** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/dvxolsvj>

The next **Messy Church is on Monday 12th October at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/ro4tjywx>

Next Week:

Monday 21st September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 22nd September	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 23rd September	9am Parish Morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book

	2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 24th September	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 25th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 2pm Creative Space
Saturday 26th September	
Sunday 27th September	Harvest Sunday and Lunch 11am Morning Worship

Future

Monday 28th September	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group 2pm Thanksgiving Service for Gillian Colsell
Tuesday 29th September	10.30am SWAG Cafe 7pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 30th September	9am Parish morning Prayers 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 1st October	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 2nd October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 3rd October	Icon Painting Workshop
Sunday 4th October	Safeguarding Sunday 9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion

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

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