

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Summer Newsletter July & August 2026

Worship for July & August

Sunday 26th July 2026

Women of the Bible
Hannah - Praying Through Pain
1 Samuel 1:9-18
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

9.30am Informal Service

Leader & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell Taiwo and group

11am Morning Worship

Leader Ian Burnham & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Sara B and Sheila G

Sunday 2nd August

Women of the Bible
Ruth - Faithful in Uncertain Times
Ruth 1:15-22
Matthew 14:13-21

9.30am Informal Service

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Malcolm Clayton Music: Mike on piano

11am Parish Communion

Leader Revd Jane Mitchell & Speaker Malcolm Clayton

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Jane G and Lesley

Sunday 9th August

Women of the Bible
Esther - Courage for Such a Time as This
Esther 4:10-17
Matthew 14:22-33

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd. Chris Guinness

9.15am Bubble Church

Leader Lizzy Smith and The Bubble Church Team

11am Morning Worship

Leader Sue Cornwell & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church

Sunday 16th August

Women of the Bible

Mary, Mother of Jesus - Saying Yes to God

Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 15:21-28

9.30am Informal Service

Leader & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell music: Charlie and group

11am Family Communion

Leader & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Janet K and Jennie

Sunday 23rd August

Women of the Bible

Mary Magdalene - First Witness to the Resurrection

John 20:11-18

Matthew 16:13-20

Taiwo and family farewell and lunch - all welcome.

9.30am Informal Service

5 minute power preach: Hepzibah Ogunjimi Leader & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

Music: Taiwo and group

11am Morning Worship

Leader & Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

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

Sunday 30th August

Women of the Bible

Lydia - Opening Hearts and Homes

Acts 16:11-15

Matthew 16:21-28

NO 9.30 service

11am Family Communion

10.30am Coffee in the Church - thank you to Jane G, Hazel and Lesley

Join Us for for prayer

Wednesdays in person 9am in church

Thursdays- online 9am - please e mail office@swaychurch.com for a joining link.

CLICK below to see all of August worship

[August Worship.pdf](#)

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

Prayers

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 26th July

*Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Nineth Sunday after Trinity 2nd August

*Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord*

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity 9th August

*Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 16th August

*God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have*

*to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 23rd August

*God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 30th August

*Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Church News

The office is now closed for the summer until Tuesday 1st September. For urgent enquiries it will be open on each Monday and Wednesday morning between 10am-11am of week beginning 3rd Aug, 10th Aug, 17th Aug and 24th Aug. Thank you to Sheila Green, Sally Wolfenden and Heather Andrews for volunteering and opening the office on these days. Sara will also be in the office on Thursday 30th July and Friday 31st July 10am-12pm.

*For all Church News, Parish News, Worship Dates, Bookings for all events such as ALPHA ,Bubble Church & Messy Church, please refer to our website
- <https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/>*

Congratulations to Vicar Kevin on His New Chaplaincy Role

We are delighted to congratulate Vicar Kevin on his appointment as an NHS Chaplain, a role he will begin in September. His chaplaincy will cover Lymington, Romsey, and Tatchbury Mount Mental Health Hospital, where he will provide pastoral care and support to patients and their families.

We are very pleased for Kevin as he takes on this important new ministry and know that he will bring the same compassion, care, and dedication to this role that he has shown within our parish. We wish him every blessing and success as he begins this new chapter.

We would also like to reassure everyone that Kevin's regular Friday service at St Luke's will continue as usual, and there will be no changes to this part of his ministry within our parish.

The Cost of Running Our Church

This month we have purchased the following items. 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.

- ***Baby Bump and Toddler Leavers' Bibles – £90***
- ***New St Luke's Church Banner- £80***
- ***Sway News Printing £650***

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>

Farewell Lunch for Taiwo, Ade and Family



After many happy years as part of our church family, Taiwo, Ade and their family are preparing to begin an exciting new chapter as they move to Canada.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for a **farewell Church Family Lunch** in the church garden **after the 11.00am service on Sunday 23rd August**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to thank them for all they have contributed to our parish, wish them God's blessing for the future, and say a fond goodbye. Food will be provided, if you would like to bring a dish to share then please do, donations towards food are warmly welcomed.

Please do come along and join us in celebrating their time with us and sending them off with our love and prayers.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

Creative Space Friday 31st July 2pm - Make your mark !

This month, Annabel has kindly agreed to explain to us what she has been learning recently, and how her artwork has developed as a result.

Our suggested theme is water: the water of life; a fountain, or waterfall; imagine being by the sea, on a riverbank, watching the ripples in a pool...

We aim to have a variety of mark-making tools available, as well as some poster and acrylic paint, pastels, pencils/charcoal; some palettes, A4 paper. Do bring your own materials though if you are able to and/or prefer to do so – as well as anything you'd like to use in the mark-making process (*helpful to bring your own old toothbrush!).

All welcome – refreshments offered. As always, you may simply join us for fellowship - there is no obligation to create something. If you are able to register via Church Suite using the link below to sign up – or by telephoning the church office **01590 682358** to let Sara know you'll be coming – that's really helpful for catering. We look forward to seeing you.

[Click HERE to sign up https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/nu6kprs2](https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/nu6kprs2)

Creationtide

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** and **GIFT DAY** on **Sunday 27th September** – a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together.

If you'd like to explore this theme more deeply, the Diocese is offering an online **Carbon Literacy for Congregations** course. The course helps participants understand the impact of everyday choices on the environment and equips us with practical ways to care for creation as part of our Christian faith.

The course runs on **five Tuesday evenings** (8, 15, 22 & 29 September, and 6 October), from **6.30–8.30pm**.

To find out more and book your place, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-literacy-for-congregations-online-creation-time-2026-tickets-1991352776761>

ALPHA Dates 2026!

After the success of last years APLHA course we are running the course again this coming September. The course will run for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm -8.45pm** ending with an away morning on Saturday 17th October. To find out more or to sign up please visit our website page using the link below.

<https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/welcome/alpha-course/>

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.

Safeguarding – Looking Out for One Another

As we enjoy the summer months, with services, community events, and time spent together, safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility.

Our church is committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and caring environment for children, young people, and adults who may be vulnerable. We all have a part to play in looking out for one another.

If you see or hear something that concerns you, please don't ignore it. It is always better to share a concern than to worry about whether it is significant. You do not need proof that someone is at risk – simply passing on your concern could make an important difference.

If you have a safeguarding concern, or would like advice, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer: **Sara Willis**

Email: safeguarding@swaychurch.com

This email inbox is monitored regularly, and your concerns will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

Alternatively contact **Jackie Rowlands, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor**

Telephone: 01962 737317 **Mobile:** 07921 865374

Email: jackie.rowlands@winchester.anglican.org

If someone is in immediate danger or requires urgent medical attention, always call **999**. For further support please refer to our safeguarding page on our website

<https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Children and Families

The next **Bubble Church** is on **9th August** at 9.15am. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/b99fkmop>

The next **Messy Church** is on **14th September at 3.30pm**. CLICK on the link to sign up <https://stlukessway.churchsuite.com/events/e5nxkdli>

Mission News

Summer Roundup of our Overseas Missions

Bev in Ecuador – Retirement Gift: Bev Cannon (formerly Richardson), a much-loved former member of our congregation and our long-standing **Mission Partner in Cuenca, Ecuador** is **retiring from CMS** at the end of July, but her mission and ministry in Ecuador **will continue**. We're putting together a retirement gift to thank her for all she has given. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, please do so via the church office or by clearly marking your donation "*Bev Cannon – Leaving Gift*".

You can follow her work and the life of the church

at: www.cuencachristianchurch.com

Please continue to hold Bev in your prayers as she enters this new chapter of faithful service.

Kibirizi Parish, Rwanda – Church Build Since 2010, St Luke's has been linked with the parish of Kibirizi in Rwanda. Over those years we have built deep friendships, helped establish a school where more than 400 children now receive an education they once lacked, supported village enterprises, and helped create chapels that bring scattered communities together.

In 2024, the government of Rwanda required the closure of Kibirizi's main parish church – along with around 80% of all churches in Rwanda. Since then, Kibirizi parish has worked tirelessly to build a new home for worship, children's ministry, and community life — a safe, welcoming space at the heart of their village.

Thanks to extraordinary local effort, the entire shell is now complete: walls up, roof on, and parts of the building already in use.

To finish the project fully, the parish still needs approximately **£12,600**.

If you would like to support the project, please donate through our church. Please mark gifts: Kibirizi Church Building. Gift Aid increases the value of your donation.

Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda Our links with Kisiizi go back many decades and the hospital continues to provide vital medical care for rural communities. Ongoing support helps the hospital serve those who would otherwise have no access to treatment. We were blessed to hear an update from Dr Ian Spillman – former Medical Superintendent at the hospital earlier this year. Look out for information about the Friends of Kisiizi day to be held in the autumn in Reading, and make a date in your diary for the celebration of the Hospital's Diamond Jubilee in January 2028, in Uganda!

Compassion – Children Waiting for Sponsors At the end of June we heard from Stewart Lake about the lives of children in Rwanda supported by Compassion. Sponsorship through Compassion is one of the most transformative ways to offer stability, education, and hope to a child who might otherwise go without.

More children are currently waiting to join our Compassion sponsorship programme in Kigeme. Sponsorship provides education, healthcare and hope for the future. If you'd like to explore becoming a sponsor, please speak to the Mission Team.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Sunday 23rd August 12pm Farewell Lunch for Taiwo & Family

Wednesday 9th September at 6.45pm ALPHA Starts

Sunday 27th September Harvest Sunday and Lunch

Next Week:

Monday 27th July	
Tuesday 28th July	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 29th July	9am Parish Prayers
Thursday 30th July	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 31st July	2pm Creative Space
Saturday 1st August	
Sunday 2nd August	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion

Future Dates:

Monday 3rd August	
Tuesday 4th August	10.30am Swag Cafe
Wednesday 5th August	9am Parish Payers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club

Thursday 6th August	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 7th August	10am Friday Service
Saturday 8th August Maintenance Week Begins!	Redecoration of Church Rooms
Sunday 9th August	8am Holy Communion 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Worship
Monday 10th August Maintenance Week	6.30pm Home Group Leaders Supper
Tuesday 11th August	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 12th August	9am Parish Prayers 2.30pm Christian Meditation
Thursday 13th August	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thurs Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 14th August	
Saturday 15th August	
Sunday 16th August	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion
Monday 17th August	
Tuesday 18th August	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 19th August	9am Parish Payers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club

Thursday 20th August	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 21st August	10am Friday Service
Saturday 22nd August	
Sunday 23rd August	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship followed by Farewell Lunch for Taiwo & Family
Monday 24th August	
Tuesday 25th August	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 26th August	9am Parish Prayers
Thursday 27th August	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm SWAG Thurs Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 28th August	
Saturday 29th August	
Sunday 30th August	11am Family Communion
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1st September	Office reopens St Luke's School - Children back 10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 2nd September	9am Parish Payers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book

Thursday 3rd September	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 4th September	9.30am Bump Baby Toddler 10am Friday Service

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

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