
WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY
SUNDAY 12th October 2025



Harvest is a time to reflect and give thanks. Jesus really is the bread of life. Jesus provides the spiritual nourishment through his Word. Who doesn't inhale deeply the smell of freshly baked bread? (Supermarkets direct the aroma of fresh bread towards the entrances so we buy more things!) We are invited this harvest to inhale deeply the love and nourishment of God to feed our spirit and soul, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in.

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6: 33

Love and prayers this Harvest time.

Jane

Worship

Sunday 12th October - HARVEST CELEBRATION - Please bring any contributions for the harvest table - all produce will go to the Food Bank in Lymington. Thank you.

Philippians 4 ; 4-9

John 6: 25-35

9.30am Informal Service

Leader : Jane Mitchell - Speaker Sue Cornwell

10.30am Coffee Time - Thank you very much to our coffee team this week: Sheila, Jennie, Steve and Germaise

11am Morning Worship

Leader Revd. Jane Mitchell, Speaker Sue Cornwell

Click on the link below to see all the services for October. Paper copies are available at the back of church.

[CLICK HERE to see ALL October Worship dates](#)

Please note, next week on Sunday 19th October, Archdeacon Jean will be preaching at the 9.30am and 11am services from a new sermon series on Colossians.

Prayer

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

*Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Thursday morning online prayers

A reflection on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and prayer using the church monthly calendar.

[CLICK HERE to join online prayers](#)

This week please pray for :

*Lydia and family - giving thanks for her 1st Birthday.
Lymington Foundation governors- Jane and Lizzy
Love in a Box outreach
Family and friends of John Alexander.
Rwandan link Parish Kibiritzi*

During ALPHA please pray at home for the guests and leaders.

CHURCH NEWS

Sue Cornwell receives her BCM Pastoral



We wish Sue well as she receives her BCM Pastoral certificate at the Licensing and Ministry Service at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 13th of October at 11am.

This service will be livestreamed, so if you would like to watch, click on the link below, this will take you to the service livestream link.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH LIVE](#)

Children's Society Coffee Morning

Please come along to our coffee morning on **Saturday, October 11th** from 10am till 12noon. As usual it will be at my house, Hillside, Middle Road. There will be a cake stall, a raffle and Christmas cards for sale all in aid of the society. Like most charities, they are really struggling and the people who are affected most are the young teenagers in our country. Please come along, have a cup of tea/coffee, a piece of cake, a chat with all your friends, buy a cake for you tea and at the same time, help our young vulnerable people.

Donations of cake are needed and very welcome, please drop off at my house the day before, or on Saturday morning.

See you there. Janet and Sophie

Messy Church - Monday 13th October 3.30pm



The next Messy Church is fast approaching! Click on the link below sign up.

[**SIGN UP HERE for Messy Church**](#)

Wave of Light Service Monday 13th October at 7pm

Come and join us at this special service to remember all the babies that have died too soon. Wendy Head has kindly provided a prayer station open from 9th to 17th October in church for anyone to come and pray and to write the name of a baby on a ribbon and to tie it on a prayer tree.



John Alexander

There will be a celebration of life service for John Alexander, a resident of Sway Place. The service will be on **15th October at 11.30am** and the family are providing refreshments afterwards in the church. Everyone is welcome.

Love - in - a - Box



We are at that time of year again when we start filling shoe boxes with small gifts to go to the children in Moldova. Last year we sent 252 boxes from the village of Sway. I would love to send more this year. There are 3 ways you can help. You can fill a covered box. I have got boxes ready if you don't want to cover your own. There are lists of appropriate gifts at the back of church or in the Church Rooms. You can donate items for my team to pack or you can make a monetary donation. **Please note that filled boxes need to be returned by the end of October.** For more information contact me on 682965, lealan@uwclub.net or at Hillside, Middle Road. Many thanks. Janet

St Luke's Church Choir



At our first Lunchtime Concert on the **25th October**, 12.30pm in the church, we are celebrating the British composer John Rutter's 80th birthday year, by singing 3 of his most famous songs.

Make a date in your diary, come and listen to the beautiful singing of the Church choir

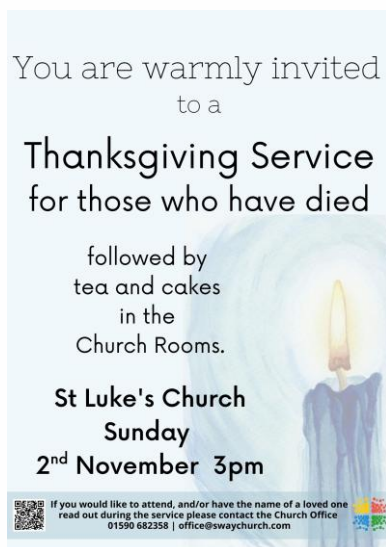
and enjoy some music to brighten your day, for around half an hour.

No tickets, just a retiring collection.

Rosemary Elliott -Jones - Choral Director



Thanksgiving Service 2nd November at 3pm



If you would like someone remembered at this very special service for those who have died, then please add their name to the sheet at the back of church, or let Sara in the office know on office@swaychurch.com / 01590 682358

Church Youth Centre Land : Update

The PCC have received a letter from the Parish Council detailing their preferred option for moving forward with a new lease. The PCC are responding with their agreed proposals and hope to meet with the Parish Council soon to continue the conversations. It is encouraging that proposals by both parties are very similar so please pray for the next steps. Residents will be fully consulted before any change happens. We will post updates here when they are available.

The PCC **THANK YOU**

We have received more kind financial donations to cover the cost of food for an Alpha sessions - this is so appreciated. If you could donate £30 - this would cover most of the essential ingredients we need to offer generous hospitality for one evening. Others can then cook! Update: the food is delicious, but we are asking for more financial contributions. We are feeding 20-25 people every week! Thank you.

Urgent Prayer Requests



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

The next ALPHA session at St Luke's is on the 15th October 2025!

ALPHA away morning and lunch is on Saturday 18th October 10am-1pm



The Alpha course, is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR ALPHA](#)

A Message from Sway WI

Sway WI are running defibrillator training on **Sunday 16th November** in the Village Hall. This will include the British Heart Foundation training video, refreshments – tea, coffee cakes etc. And a collection for the maintenance of the Village Hall defibrillator. There will be two sessions to choose from during the afternoon : 2.30pm and 3.15pm. Please do come along if you would like to take part!

10.30am Coffee Time!



We would love more contributions of baked cakes or biscuits at our Sunday coffee times ! Feel free to drop these off at the table by the kitchen at the back of church.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help on one of the rotas in church, for reading, welcoming, coffee time, then please do get in touch with Sara in the church office on sarawillis@swaychurch.com

Mission News

Special Evensong with Bishop Assiel – Sunday 19th October, 4pm

We are delighted to welcome **Bishop Assiel of Kigeme Diocese, Rwanda**, together with his wife Valerie, as our special guests at **Evensong on Sunday 19th October at 4pm** here at St Luke's.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share in worship with our friends from Rwanda and to hear from Bishop Assiel about the life and mission of the church in Kigeme.

After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for **tea and cakes**, with time to meet and talk with Bishop Assiel and Valerie.

Please do join us for what promises to be a joyful and memorable occasion.

Thanks

Jonathan

Dates for the Diary

Next Week:

Monday 13th October	9.30-11 Bump Baby and Toddler group 3.30pm Messy Church 7pm Wave of Light Service for Baby Loss Awareness Week
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Tuesday 14th October	10am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 15th October	9am Parish Prayers 11.30am John Alexander Celebration of Life Service 12pm Lunch Club 1.45pm Open the Book Rehearsal 6.45pm ALPHA
Thursday 16th October	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 17th October	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler 10am Friday Morning Service 7.30pm Choir Practise

Future Dates:

Saturday 18th October	ALPHA Away Morning & Lunch
Sunday 19th October	9.30am Informal Service 11am Family Communion - visiting speaker Archdeacon Jean 4pm Evensong - Special Evensong with Bishop Assiel of Rwanda
Monday 20th October	9.30-11 Bump Baby and Toddler group
Tuesday 21st October	10am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe

Wednesday 22nd October	9am Parish Prayers 1.45pm Open the Book Rehearsal 6.45pm ALPHA LAST SESSION
Thursday 23rd October	9am Online Prayers 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 24th October	9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler 7.30pm Choir Practise
Saturday 25th October	St Luke's Church Choir perform - Creation Concert in church 12.30pm
Sunday 26th October	9.30am Informal Service 11am Morning Worship
Monday 27th October	Half Term Office Closed his week and reopens on Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 28th October	10am Community Gardening 10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 29th October	9am Parish Prayers
Thursday 30th October	9am Online Prayers 7pm Band Practise
Friday 31st October	2pm Creative Space 2pm Sway Place Communion 7.30pm Choir Practise
Saturday 2nd November	
Sunday 3rd November	9.30am Informal Service 11am Parish Communion 3pm Thanksgiving Service

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

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