

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Sunday 27th September



Gift Day Today

Vicar's are criticised for speaking about money too much or not speaking about it enough! Simply put - you can't please everyone! Jesus spoke about money a lot and there is an important discipleship issue of how we each individually respond to God in prayer and through the Gift Day on Sunday. On reflection your giving may be just right and your best and no change is needed. THANK YOU!

Once a year we invite everyone to review their giving, to increase, to switch how they give to the Parish Giving Scheme or to start giving as part of our worship.

On Sunday we will have an information desk and be able to answer any questions you may have. Please see the attached information for more details on how your giving makes a difference. THANK YOU!!

Love and prayers

Vicar Jane

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Worship

Sunday 27th September 2026

Creationtide week 4

GIFT DAY and Lunch
Family Communion
Hopeful Action
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Matthew 6:25-33

11am Family Communion

Leader & Speaker Revd. Jane Mitchell

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

12pm Harvest Lunch in the church rooms after the 11am service- all welcome

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/75034314218?pwd=gKaUgEZhp78KEddn1CrKI9kbqU6B7u.1>



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

Prayers

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

*Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Please pray for;

*Family of Gillian Colsell
Church Finances
Lydia and family
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

Welcome to Katie!

We're delighted to welcome Katie to the parish team, who will be working four hours a week supporting Lizzy and helping with our families and children's ministry. Katie will also be leading our Bump, Baby and Toddler Group on Friday mornings, and we're very pleased to have her join us!

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

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.

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 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

Future

Monday 5th October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 6th October	10.30am SWAG Cafe
Wednesday 7th October	9am Parish morning Prayers 12pm SWAG Lunch Club 1.45pm Open The Book 2.30pm ALPHA Afternoon Group 6.45pm ALPHA Evening Group
Thursday 8th October	9am Online Prayers 9.30am St Luke's School KS 1 Harvest Service 2pm St Luke's School KS 2 Harvest Service 1.30pm SWAG Afternoon Club 7pm Band Practise
Friday 9th October	9.30am Bump Baby and Toddler Group
Saturday 10th October	Lay Ministry Licensing & Commissioning Service Winchester
Sunday 11th October	8am Holy Communion 9.15am Bubble Church 11am Morning Worship

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

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