



# ■ GENEROUS june

***Generous June*** is an initiative that seeks to engage churches, communities and individuals with *generosity* throughout the month of *June*.

## **WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 16th June 2024**

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:  
[Youtube.com/@StLukesSway](https://www.youtube.com/@StLukesSway)

### **MESSAGE**

It is important and part of the role of the village church to welcome everyone so we are delighted to host the Hustings this coming week for the General Election -

Wednesday 7pm. See the link and information below.  
Please pray for the election and all those standing.

This edition is full of news and photos - thank you to  
Sophie our communication administrator for putting it  
together for us each week and thank you Lord for your  
provision.

Every blessing

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# SWAY ELECTION HUSTINGS

Question the candidates for the  
New Forest East constituency

**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE**

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

DOORS OPEN AT 19.00 FOR A 19.30 START



**QUESTIONS CAN BE ASKED ON  
THE NIGHT OR SUBMITTED IN  
ADVANCE BY:**

Emailing [katlbirch@gmail.com](mailto:katlbirch@gmail.com)  
or scanning the QR code





## Prayer

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY 16th June: GENEROUS JUNE: Sermon recording from Bishop David.

**9.30am Informal Service** Leader Lisa Thomas. Speaker : Bishop David

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Family Communion Service** Leader : Revd Jane Mitchell.

**4pm - Evensong**

Readings: Psalm 20

Luke 19: 1-10

## NEXT SUNDAY 23rd June: GENEROUS JUNE: Launch of 3 year Forward Plan

**9.30am Informal Service with Communion** Leader Jane Mitchell.

Speaker Archdeacon Jean.

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Morning Service** Leader Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker Archdeacon Jean

Readings: Nehemiah 1

Mark 4: 35-end

## Prayers:

This week please pray for -

- Those who are sick or housebound
- New Pastor Jean Marie and family in our link church in Rwanda

- Eco-Church and decisions on buildings and funding
- Generous June - giving thanks for responses to God

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Money Matters:

**Generous June** is a time to give thanks for God's generosity and make a response- to give our time, talents, and/or money for resources to lie out God's church in Sway. Generous June includes a 3 week preaching series with additional resources to help us focus on the generosity of God and how we can be generous too. The very best way to support St Luke's is using the Parish Giving Scheme for regular or one off gifts.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or fill out a form in church.

### Messy Church





A wonderful time was had by all at Messy church. We welcomed over 30 children to church. The weather was kind and we enjoyed both indoor and outdoor activities. These included the creation and decoration of caterpillars and butterflies and the opportunity to get outside with Wendy and create some fabulous bug homes that are now hanging up in the church garden and attracting wildlife. The children enjoyed singing and worship in church with Taiwo and Jane and finished with a favourite, the whole world in his hands. Showing us that God loves us all, however big or small we are. We look forward to the next Messy Church on July 8th which will be Messy Olympics! Details to follow.

### **Appeal for Junk Modelling Materials**

We are appealing for some more materials for our popular junk modelling table at Messy Church. If you have any unwanted cereal boxes, tubes such as kitchen roll or other clean plastic or cardboard containers please do drop them into the back of church. Thank you.

### **CARNIVAL TIME**



It's nearly carnival time in Sway, click [HERE](#) to see what's happening. We have many members of the church involved in the carnival this year in



different village groups and are also delighted to be having our Thanksgiving Services again on Sunday 7th July, all welcome. We are sorry the services did not appear in the Carnival brochure - please spread the word as we thank God for everyone involved and the goodness of Carnival Week. Come and share your highlights!

## **JUNE CREATIVE SPACE**

**Friday 28th June at Russell Fry's home for an extended session: from 10.30am - 3pm.**

This special session, at Russell's home in Shirley Holms, is planned in two parts, with a break for lunch.

It's fine to join just one of the sessions if you can't make both.

Russell has very kindly agreed to repeat his literary activity during the afternoon for anyone who is unable to join in the morning, and says all are welcome, don't worry about numbers being limited!

**10:30 am:** Meet for coffee, and then Russell will lead a short literary activity.

**12.00 - 1.00 pm** (approx.): **Break** (please bring a packed lunch)

**1.00 - 2.30pm:** Literary activity possibly repeated / Afternoon free: Bring your own project to work on if you wish, or simply relax, read, meditate, pray; if the weather is good, we'll be able to enjoy Russell's garden.

**2.30 - 3.00 pm :** Tea and biscuits/cake - and time to chat.

Grateful thanks to Russell - bless you for your hospitality.

When signing up [on Church Suite, or via the church office], please include a note to say whether you'll join in the morning, or afternoon .. or confirm that you'll stay for the whole session.

I'll email everyone who has signed up on **Thursday 27th** with directions etc. Please check your email later afternoon/early evening.

## **Eco Church - Interactive Calendar from the Church of England**

A new resource aimed at keeping climate change issues firmly in people's minds has been published by the Church of England. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to download the interactive pdf.

# 2024/25 Environment Days & Key Events

We believe that responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world. Climate change hits hardest the poorest countries and poorest people of the world. Meantime, the widespread destruction of the natural world is a crisis for creation.

The Church of England's Environment Programme exists to enable the whole Church to address this — in faith, practice and mission. This includes tackling our own carbon emissions (aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030) and our wider environmental work.

Celebrating and marking national days, weeks and months throughout the year through our social media channels, newsletters and websites helps us all to keep climate change firmly in people's minds and raises awareness of this important issue.



April	May	June	July
1 National Walk to Work Day	<i>No Mow May &amp; Meat Free May</i>	3 World Bike Day	<i>Plastic Free July</i>
1-7 Community Garden Week	5-11 International Compost Week	5 World Environment Day	6-12 Net Zero Week
22 Earth Day	12-18 Christian Aid Week	8-16 Love Your Burial Ground and Churches Count on Nature Week	12 The Big Butterfly Count
24 Stop Food Waste Day	17 Endangered Species Day	8-16 The Great Big Green Week	28 National Bog Day
	19 Day of Pentecost	8 World Oceans Day	26 July Love Party
	20 World Bee Day	9 Open Farm Sunday	2 August
	20-26 Water Saving Week	15 National Clean Air Day	
		16 World Refill Day	
		22 World Rainforest Day	
		30 Deadline for Church Times Green Church Awards entries	
August	September	October	November
12-18 National Allotments Week	<i>Second Hand September &amp; Organic September</i>	<i>International Walk to School Month</i>	<i>World Vegan Month</i>
24-25 International Bat Night	1 World Day of Prayer for the Creation	4 St Francis Day	Nov 23 National Tree Week
	1-4 Oct Creationtide/Season of Creation	4 No Disposable Cup Day	1 Dec
	1-8 Zero Waste Week	8 DEO in person event, London	11-24 COP29
	9-22 Fairtrade Fortnight - 30th anniversary	12 World Migratory Bird Day	29 Buy Nothing Day
	16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone	16-22 Recycle Week Recycle Week	
	20-29 Great British Beach Clean		
	21 World Clean Up Day		
	22 World Car Free Day		
	22 World Rivers Day		
	26 The Green Church Awards ceremony, St John's Waterloo, London		
December	January	February	March
1 First Sunday of Advent	<i>Veganuary</i>	<i>Show the Love Climate Coalition</i>	
5 World Soil Day	5 Plough Sunday	2 World Wetlands Day	3 World Wildlife Day
25 Christmas Day	20-26 Big Energy Saving Week	20 World Day of Social Justice	5 Ash Wednesday
25-5 Jan 12 Days Wild	26 International Environmental Education Day		9 First Sunday in Lent
	28 International Reducing CO2 Emissions Day		18 Global Recycling Day
	31 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch		22 World Water Day
			29 Earth Hour



Download all events to your calendar!



## Christian Film Showing Times

Poole Cineworld and Bournemouth Odeon are showing a new Christian film 'Unsung Hero', which is perfect viewing for Father's Day. The unsung hero of the film's title is a Christian dad whose six children have musical ambitions even from a young age - it's a true story:

"Your faith, your family - that's what makes you rich in life."

## Bible Course - 6th Session Tuesday 25th June

You don't need to have attended previous sessions to come and join

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## FESTIVAL TIME!! New Wine 2024



There is a group going to New Wine this year 25- 30th July - Michael and Merilyn , Ellie and Hayley, Jane and Stuart, and several for the day on Saturday 27th July. The location is 1 hour 30 mins away at Shepton Mallet Bath so easily accessible for a great day out of teaching and worship to be inspired in your journey of faith. <https://www.new-wine.org/events/newwine24/>

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK? HALF TERM

<b>Monday 17</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	PCC Meeting
<b>Wednesday 19</b>	12pm	SWAG Lunch Club
	1.30pm	Open the Book at School



	2.30pm	Christian Meditation
	7pm	Hustings for General Election
<b>Thursday 20</b>	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	12pm	Wedding of Millie and Tyron
	6pm	Band Practice
<b>Friday 21</b>	9am	School Assembly
	9.30am	Bump, Baby and Toddler Group
	10am	Friday Service
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

**[https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?](https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)**

**[pwd=ekVMbFBachHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09](https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

### **JUNE**

**Saturday 15th June : 17.30** Winchester Cathedral service for 30 year's of women's ordination.

**Tuesday 18th June 19:00** - PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 19th June 14:30** - Christian Meditation

**Wednesday 19th June 19:00** - Hustings for General Election

**Thursday 20th June** : Year 6 leavers service Winchester Cathedral.

**Thursday 20th June 12.00** Wedding of Millie and Tyron

**Friday 21st June 10:00** - Friday Service

**Sunday 23rd June** - Archdeacon Jean Preaching Launch of Forward Plan

**Tuesday 25th June 19:00** - The Bible Course

**Thursday 27th June: 19.30** Church Wardens service at Christchurch Priory

**Friday 28th June 10:30 - 15:00** - Creative Space. [BOOK HERE](#).

**Friday 28th June 11:30** - Birchy Hill Communion Service

**Friday 28th June 14:00** - Sway Place Communion Service

**Sunday 30th June** - Mission Sunday. Children's Society Guest Speaker

## JULY

**Thursday 4th July:** General Election.

**Friday 5th July 9:00** - School Assembly

**Friday 5th July 10:00** - Friday Service

**Saturday 6th July** - Wedding of Richard Linstead and Nana Odame

**Monday 8th July after school 15:15:** Messy Church

**Tuesday 9th July - 19:00** - Bible Course

**Wednesday 17th July 14:30** - Christian Meditation

**Thursday 18th July 9:30** - Year 6 Leavers Service

**Friday 19th July 10:00** - Friday Service

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