



■ 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 9th June 2024

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

MESSAGE

The D- Day events and shared stories around the New Forest this week have been so interesting and well attended. The Village Hall was packed for a talk on airfields in the Forest and residents flocked to visit the bus on tour and the exhibition on Sway and the Second

World War in the Sway Youth Centre. It is always humbling to remember that **"for our tomorrow's they gave their today."** At Sway Place there was a large commemorative tea for families and friends and Andrew Roberts led the Royal British Legion presence by lighting a **"Lamp Light of Peace"** and we held a minute's silence before I closed with this prayer:

"Give us faith in thee and faith in each other. We thank you for the light of Christ that can never be extinguished and the hope of everlasting life. We pray for peace - a peace that passes all understanding as we remember loved ones. We will remember them.
" Amen.

Every blessing

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Prayer

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 9th June - GENEROUS JUNE: Spiritual Gifts

8am Holy Communion Led by Rev Chris Guinness

9.30am Informal Service Leader Jane Mitchell. Speaker: Michael Christian-Edwards

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service Led by Rev Jane Mitchell. Speaker: Michael Christian- Edwards. Testimony: Marilyn Christian- Edwards
Readings: Exodus 31:1-11 Acts 19:1-6

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

9.30am Informal Service with Communion Leader Lisa Thomas.

Speaker: Bishop David

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service. Leader Jane Mitchell. Speaker : Bishop David

Readings: Psalm 20

Luke 19: 1-10

Prayers:

This week please pray for -

- Year 6 leavers at St Luke's School
- Give thanks for new volunteers at church
- Generous June - a time to reflect on the generosity of God.
- Rev Kevin
- The Pastoral visiting team

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A message and update from Michael Christian- Edwards:

Many thanks to any of you who have prayed for me since my fall and shoulder dislocation on 16th December. There has been slow recovery and I had no idea it would take so long; my left hand is still rather like a paralysed claw! Apart from some physical improvements the most helpful answers to your prayers have been:

1. Jane's visit and prayer, reading James ch.1, from which the Lord seemed to say to me: Are you rejoicing, are you being mature as you go through this testing time? That led to a bit of heart searching and repentance.
2. My daily reading before Easter was Jesus finding no figs on a roadside tree and condemning it! I saw a cross reference to Micah 7.1, "What misery is mine there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave." I felt the Lord was saying to me: "Where is the joy, where is the love, hope, excitement of your first coming to faith?" Fresh repentance called for and though not right yet I am doing better at rejoicing in the Lord, and I give praise to him

So I warmly thank you for praying.

Michael Christian-Edwards

Thanksgiving Service for Davena Shelley

The Thanksgiving Service took place for Davena on 31st May. There were over 40 singers in the choir, gathered from Brockenhurst, Tiptoe and Sway, led by Rosemary. Revd. Nicholas Maddocks- a previous Vicar of Sway gave the address. It was joyous service and the family would like to thank all those involved to make it such a memorable and special day.



MONDAY 3.15 – 5pm
Messy goes wild and wiggly!
Worship, activities and tasty hot food at St Luke's Church
BOOK by visiting www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk

Messy church goes wild and wiggly this Monday after school from 3.15pm. Click [HERE](#) to let us know you'll be coming. Booking helps us to know how many we need to cater for and how many chicken nuggets to buy, so please do fill out the form.

NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARY IN CHURCH ROOMS



A colourful space in the Church Rooms porch for children to choose and BORROW books and enjoy reading.

Children & Families face-to-face Resource Event in Hythe on Saturday 29th June

**Lyndhurst Deanery – Summer 2024
'Pop Up' Resourcing**

An opportunity for those ministering to children & families to gather and hear news of what is happening nationally, locally & resources for the summer and beyond. With more free books & resources to give away, as well sharing ideas and tips!

Drinks & biscuits supplied!

Saturday 29th June 2024 10.00am – 11.45am
St John's Hall, New Road, Hythe, SO45 6BP

If you are planning on attending please do let us know. It's a great chance for us to network together, share experiences, resources and hear about new resources available for us to use, this event is funded by the Deanery for all of us to access and use.

CREATIVE SPACE

Six participants enjoyed a delightful afternoon on Friday 24th May in **Potters Field**. The weather was kind, if a little chilly towards the end. Clive said the Oxy-Eye Daisies were not quite at their best – they should be in time for Sway Open Gardens on Sunday 9th June! Nevertheless, they looked splendid alongside buttercups and various grasses, all growing this

looked splendid alongside buttercups and various grasses, all swaying this way and that in the breeze. We had time to walk the beautifully mown paths through the meadow, sit on the cushions provided on benches, and be inspired to paint, sketch, write...or simply be still and offer prayers.

At 3.30pm we went across the lane for a delicious tea with scones and cake, offered to us by Christine and Clive at their lovely home. Huge thanks to all for such a wonderful session.



JUNE CREATIVE SPACE

This month, we'll meet at Russell Fry's home on **Friday 28th June** for an extended session:

We'll commence with coffee on **arrival, at 10.30 am**, followed by a short literary activity led by Russell. During the afternoon, there will be quiet time for you to reflect and/or focus on your own creative work.

Tea and biscuits will be offered from about 2.30 pm, before we **depart at 3.00 pm**.

Please bring a packed lunch (as well as your own creative project).

Numbers will need to be limited (on a first come first served basis) for this session, so please sign up via Church Suite by clicking [HERE](#), or leave a message in the Church office 01590 682358, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment – and no later than Wednesday 26th June.

I shall then be in touch to advise accordingly and with additional information /directions, as necessary.

With love and best wishes to all,

Bernice

Money Matters:

Generous June is a time to give thanks for God's generosity and a time to reflect on how we respond - in time, talents, and money. Thank you for the responses so far and a reminder that the Parish Giving Scheme is the very best way and tax efficient way to give directly to St Luke's.

LEGACIES: We are very grateful to receive wonderful generous legacies from Bob and Margaret Davidson and from Davena Shelley. Legacies can support mission projects, maintain beautiful church buildings and grow faithful communities. Leaving a legacy is a lasting way to make a difference. - If you would like further information please ask or see <https://winchester.anglican.org/parish-resources/stewardship/legacy-giving/>

Getting to know you... new PCC member Ken shares a little about himself



My name is Ken Naylor,

I am a retired care home Office Administrator/Receptionist.

I returned to church life some 25 years ago having been encouraged to attend an Alpha course, following this I attended several more Alpha courses on my journey. I am currently attending another Bible Study course, this time at St Luke's. My introduction to St Luke's came about by joining one of the church music groups in 2023 to play ukulele and sing songs of praise to God. I joined the PCC to offer practical/physical support when required and make any other useful contributions I am able.

Changing Times in Kibirizi: Greetings from Rwanda

Pastor Speciose has moved on from Kibirizi Parish, our link parish in

Rwanda, after five years leading the parish. She asked for a move after her husband, Clemente, retired from his job as head teacher at the school. She and the new Parish Priest in Kibirizi have exchanged Parishes.

The new Pastor is Rev Jean Marie Vianney and is pictured with his family below. He sent us a message of greeting as he took up his new role:

I am glad to greet you in the name of our King and saviour. I wanted to share with you that I am new pastor at EAR Kibirizi parish. I started on 1st June 2024.

I thank God because of you as you gave your heart to Kibirizi parish in different ways to pray for it and sponsoring in many ways. I saw it with my eyes in the few days since I reached here. May our father Lord multiply for you. As you don't know me I am going to send my picture to you. We really pray for you to be protected by God and it will be incredible joy when you will be back to see the fruits from activities in Kibirizi parish.

We are starting to plan our next trip to Kibirizi, next Summer, and look forward to meeting the new pastor in our link parish.

Please pray for God's strength to be with him as he settles into his new post. Also for Pastor Speciose as she settles into her new role.



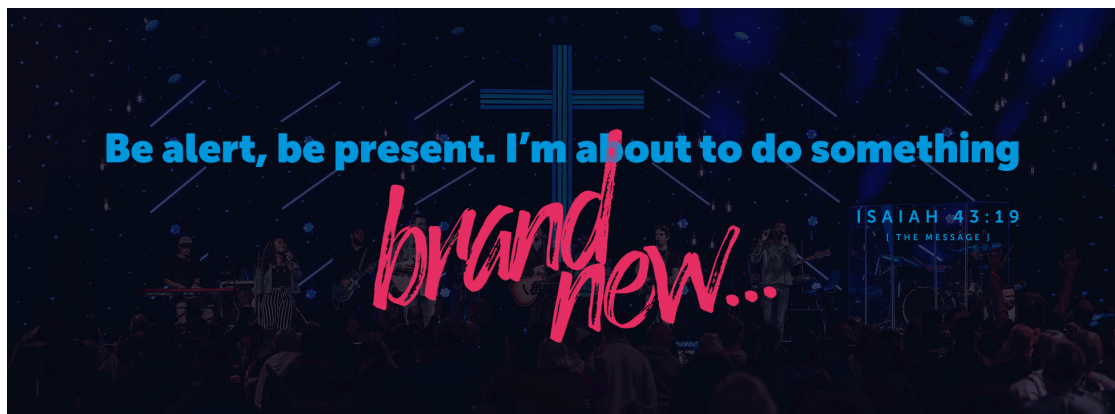
Bible Course - Next date is Tuesday 11th June

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



The course is designed to help you explore the big story. Big, complex, old... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life.

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 members of St Luke's for the day on Saturday 27th July. **WHY NOT JOIN THEM?** 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

Monday 10	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler
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	3.15pm	Messy Church - BOOK HERE
Tuesday 11	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	The Bible Course
Wednesday 12	12.30pm	Open the Book at School
Thursday 13	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	Thursday Club
	6pm	Band Practice
Friday 14	9.30am	Bump, Baby and Toddler Group
	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)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

JUNE

Sunday 9th June 9:00 - Sway Open Gardens

Monday 10th June 15:15 -Messy Church.

Tuesday 11th June 19:00 - The Bible Course

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

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 at both services

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 at both services

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

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