

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 11th May 2025



Messy Church Volunteers! Come and join in on Monday 12th May

Congratulations to those elected at the APCM to serve St Luke's, and thank you to all those who were able to attend. In addition to the elections it was a time to say a heartfelt thank you to Andrea Janssens and Lucy Howlett whose time on the PCC has come to an end for the time being.

Results of elections:

**Sandra Clarke and Russell Fry as Church Wardens.**

Thank you to Peter Blick, Janet Kirk, Wendy Collyer and Geraldine Hawkes who have all offered to support Sandra and Russell with Sunday duties when they are away, or as needed.

**Peter Blick, Janet Kirk, Lesley Wiley and Lizzie Smith were elected as PCC members.**

**Merilyn Christian-Edward's was elected onto the PCC as a Licenced Lay Minister.**

Below is a full list of all PCC members and key responsibilities

Revd Jane Mitchell Chair, and Worship  
Sandra Clarke Church Warden and Pastoral  
Russell Fry Church Warden and Buildings  
Peter Blick Treasurer  
Geraldine Hawkes PCC Sec and Administration  
Lesley Wiley Finance and Mission  
Ellie John Families and Community  
Lizzy Smith Families and Community  
Taiwo Ogunjimi Worship and Preaching  
Janet Kirk Pastoral  
Ken Naylor Practical Support  
Hazel Gillet Deanery Rep and Hospitality  
Stuart Mitchell Deanery Rep and Buildings  
Merilyn Christian-Edward's Worship and Preaching

Ade Ogunjimi is our safeguarding officer and Sara Willis is the electoral roll officer and safeguarding administrative support. The PCC are here to serve the church so please get in touch with any questions, ideas or proposals you may have - it would be great to hear from you.

Prayer for the PCC:

***Lord lead the PCC by your Holy Spirit this year serving your church, in Sway, in the wider New Forest area and with our mission links abroad.  
Amen.***

Here is the first 60 sec reflection in a new series titled "Where have I seen God at work this week.?" Click on the link below.

### ***Where have I seen God at work this week?***

love and prayers

Jane

## **WORSHIP**

### **Sunday 11th May 9.30am Informal Service**

*Forward Plan Sunday - A vision for the future*

Habakkuk 2: 1-3

Leader/Speaker - Revd Jane Mitchell

### **Sunday 11th May 11am - Morning Worship**

*Forward Plan Sunday - A vision for the future*

Habakkuk 2: 1-3

Acts 9: 36 - end

Leader Sue Cornwell / Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell

## 10.30am Coffee Time

Please click on the links below to see traditional and informal worship for May 2025.

[Traditional worship May 2025](#)

[Informal Worship May 2025](#)

Printed copies can also be found in church.

**Please note that the Friday service on 16th May is 10am not 9am - apologies for any confusion**

## Prayer

*Risen Christ,*

*faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:*

*teach us to hear your voice*

*and to follow your command,*

*that all your people may be gathered into one flock,*

*to the glory of God the Father.*

### **Would you like to join Thursday morning prayers online?**

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers. We normally reflect on the bible passage for the coming Sunday and pray through the church monthly calendar.

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBacHZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

This week please continue to pray for :

*Baby Lydia and family*

*Lucy Howlett, Gillian Colsell, Peter Blick*

*Bereaved families*

*New church wardens and the PCC*

## CHURCH NEWS

### **A message from ECO Church**

#### **Crop Swap Basket Is Now In Operation!**

CROP SWAP is a new Church and Community venture which asks Growers to donate their excess produce to the basket and asks the Community to help themselves! So, if you grow, please do put a bunch of something in the basket at some time during the season. The basket is now in place outside the church rooms! Thank you.

### **Maureen Oakley**

Maureen's funeral will be on 14th May at St Luke's Church. Please pray for her family at this sad time.

### **Forward Plan**

Sunday 11th May will be dedicated to thinking about our vision and the forward plan, and each



person's part in it. It is a 3 year rolling plan. Your views are important.

**Click on the link below to see the colour coded plan - view what has been achieved and what is yet to be done and ideas for the next year.**

[CLICK HERE to view our 3 year Strategic Plan 2025](#)

### **A reminder of the organ recital by Timothy Rice on 10th May!**

#### **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BOLDRE ORGAN RECITAL BY TIMOTHY RICE**

Featuring the organs of ; *The church of Our Lady in Adergas, Velesovo, Slovenia (Tomaš Močnik, 2007)*  
and *Hereford Cathedral ("Father" Henry Willis, 1892)*

**Saturday 10 May 2025 at 7pm**

**CHURCH LANE BOLDRE SO41 5PG**

**ADMISSION FREE ~ RETIRING COLLECTION**

## **Buildings update**

### **Rainwater Project Works**

Just to let you know that the rainwater goods project has begun and then paused. All was going well until it was spotted by the buildings team that it was not to the agreed specification. We are assured that the correct fittings are on their way and this is will be resolved soon.

### **10.30am Sunday Coffee Team Volunteers Needed!**

As you know we are looking for new volunteers to join our coffee team! If you think you can help please let the church office know - [office@swaychurch.com](mailto:office@swaychurch.com) or 01590 682358 We would love to hear from you!

## **Mission News**



### **Our next fundraiser is fast approaching ! From Attic to Action: Support Our Rebuild Effort!**

There will be a **Pop-Up Charity Shop** in the **Church Rooms on Saturday, 24th May, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Donations are now welcome! Please drop donations to the church office Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm. Please can all donations be quality items you would be proud of if your best friend bought it!

**Please note:** We cannot accept electrical items, large furniture, or car seats, as we are unable to dispose of them if they remain unsold.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We need to loan a clothes rail to display clothing items - if you have one that you could loan us please do let Johnathan or the office know.

We also need volunteers on the day to run the refreshments stall selling teas / coffees / cakes - again please let Johnathan or the church office know if you can help.

We also need cakes to sell on the day! If you can donate a homemade cake please drop this off on the day before 10am - thank you!

**Thank you for your continued support—we are making a difference!**

If you would like to read more about our mission news then please click on the link below - paper copies also available in church.

### **Mission News May 2025**

Jonathan Elliott-Jones, St Luke's Mission Team

### **Church Land updates**

The PCC have asked Carter Jonas for professional guidance on valuation and next steps. Once this is received a meeting for church members will be arranged to feedback and listen to the views of church members.

### **Carnival**

Lots is planned for the church to be fully involved in carnival activities this year with a circus theme- watch this space!

### **Coming up in the next week....**

<b>Monday 12th May</b>	9.30am-11am	Babies, Bumps, and Toddlers
	3.30pm-5pm	Messy Church
<b>Tuesday 13th May</b>	10am - 11.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am - 11.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	2.45pm-3.15pm	Church led assembly in school
	7pm-9pm	PCC Meeting
<b>Wednesday 14th May</b>	9am - 9.30am	Parish Prayers (in Church)
	12.30pm - 1pm	Maureen Oakley Funeral
	1.45pm-2.15pm	Open the Book Rehearsal

	2.30pm-4pm	Christian Meditation
<b>Thursday 15th May</b>	9am-9.20am	Online Morning Prayer
	7pm-8pm	Band Practise
<b>Friday 16th May</b>	9.30am-11am	Bump, Baby & Toddler group
	10am-11am	Friday Morning Service

**Sunday 18th May**

9.30am Praise and Play  
 10.30am Coffee in church  
 11am Family Communion and Baptism  
 4pm Evensong

**Monday 19th May**

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler

**Tuesday 20th May**

10am Community Gardening  
 10.30am Community Cafe

**Wednesday 21st May**

9am Parish Prayers  
 12pm Lunch Club  
 12.15pm Margaret Brownjohn funeral service

**Thursday 22nd May**

9am Online Morning Prayers  
 1.30pm Thursday Afternoon Club  
 4pm Open Bible Study  
 7pm Band Practise

**Friday 23rd May**

9.30am Baby Bump and Toddler  
 4pm Pop Up Charity Shop - set up  
 7.30pm Choir Practise

**Saturday 24th May**

10am Pop Up Charity Shop

**Sunday 25th May**

9.30am Informal Service  
 11am Morning Service

**Monday 26th May**

Spring Bank Holiday - office closed this week - half term

**Tuesday 27th May**

10am Community Gardening  
 10.30am Community Cafe

**Wednesday 28th May**

9am Parish Prayers  
 1.30pm Sway Flower Club

**Thursday 29th May**

9am - 9.20am Online Morning Prayers  
 6.30pm Ascension Day Service

7.30pm Band Practise

**Friday 30th May**

2pm Creative Space

2pm Sway Place Communion

7.30pm-8.30pm Choir practise

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