

# st luke's church, sway



## WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 20th October 2024

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:

[Youtube.com/@StLukesSway](https://www.youtube.com/@StLukesSway)

### **A message from Sandra Clarke this week - Church warden**

The annual diocesan Lay Licencing service took place at Winchester Cathedral last Saturday. In a beautiful service of praise and worship. Licensed Lay Workers and 49 people received the Bishops Commission for Mission. There were also those given the Bishops Permission to Preach.

The service included a tribute to Jane Nicholson our Parish Administrator who was due to be licenced as an LLM. Her daughter Laura received the blue scarf that would have been presented to her mother.

Last Tuesday evening we hosted a newcomers evening in church. It was a joyous evening chatting and getting to know one another. Towards the end of the evening Vicar Jane took newcomers on a tour around the church explaining the history of St Luke's and answering their questions. A good evening was had by all.

Sandra Clarke





## WORSHIP

**SUNDAY 20th October: 21st Sunday after Trinity.**

**Sermon Series Early Christian Letters. Introduction to the series and overview of 1 Peter.**

1 Peter 1: 3-12

Mark 10: 2-16

**9.30am Informal Service** Leader - Jane Mitchell. Speaker - Sue Cornwell

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Family Communion** Leader - Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker - Sue Cornwell

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 9.30am Informal Worship for October

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 11am Traditional Worship for October.

Printed copies can also be found in church.

## Prayer

Almighty God,  
in whose service lies perfect freedom:  
teach us to obey you  
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week please pray for -

- Jane Nicholson's family and friends
- The Give to Go Green fundraising campaign - for generosity
- Recruitment for the Church Administrator role
- Rwandan churches and pastors

## CHURCH NEWS

**Creative Space 25th October 2-4pm - Book [HERE](#) by Wednesday 23rd October**





# CREATIVE SPACE

Friday 25th October 2-4pm  
St Luke's Church, Sway

**We were shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected loss of Jane Nicholson and we invite you to this special session, dedicated to Remembrance and healing through creativity.**

Jane Nicholson loved sunflowers. We invite you to study the flower with us, its colours, uses and beauty. We will spend some time painting or drawing sunflowers and welcome you to join in.

You might like to bring other special objects of a loved one to remember them, especially at this time of year. Vicar Jane will reflect on some scripture asking God to lead us in remembering those whom we love but see no more.

God does not forget our loved ones - he holds them in his heart and we hold them in ours. ...

**Book online, via ChurchSuite or contact the office on 01590 682358 by Wednesday 23rd October. No charge. Refreshments provided.**

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This is a session dedicated to Remembrance and healing through creativity. At this time of year we have the Thanksgiving service (NOV 3rd 3pm) the Remembrance service (Nov 10th ) but we are shocked by the loss of Jane Nicholson so suddenly and unexpectedly.

Do you mourn a loved one?

Take time today to paint or draw or write or simply be giving thanks for your loved one through creativity. Sit and be and know the peace of God around you. We are welcoming a few colleagues of Jane's from Waitrose and possibly parishioners from St Mark's.

**Give to Go Green Fundraising Campaign is LIVE - CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE**

**There is £10,000 of match funding from Church of England for the first £10,000 raised!**

Our aim is to raise **£50,000**. **This is the time to support and preserve the beautiful buildings at St Luke's.**

The new work to replace the rainwater goods will cost **£30,000**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH for such generous donations so far:**

**We have raised a fantastic £8599 online. These online**

donations will be doubled to give **£17,198. Over half way!** Envelope, cash and cheque donations have also been generously donated and will be added to this total. Gift aid will be added on top where possible.

**Please consider helping reach the target of £30K for the new work and making a donation.**

**Note: All donations will be used for building eco projects whether we reach or exceed the target for St Luke's Church.**



**Supporting Comfort and Sustainability in Our Church**

Thank you for considering a donation to ensure the church building is carefully looked after for the next hundred years or so and kept dry.

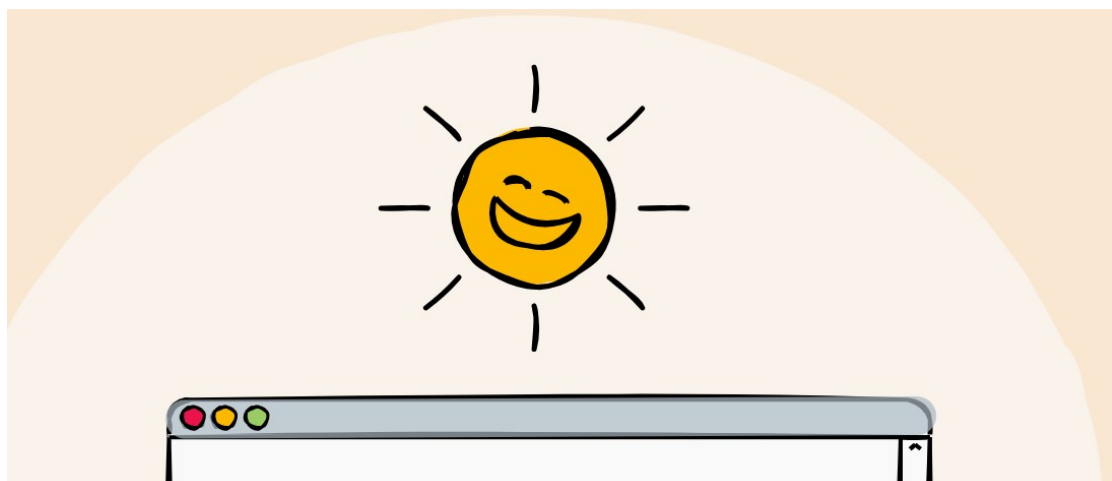
**Details on how to donate below:**

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE](#)

Come into Church and use the machine

Contact the Church Office

**Forward Plan Update**





## Children & Youth News

### Bump, Baby and Toddler Group



Our Bump, Baby and Toddler group is a warm and friendly place for parents and carers to bring babies and toddlers on Monday and Friday mornings between 9.30-11am. It is a wonderful group and gives families the chance to come along and chat with other parents/ carers and have a cup of tea whilst the children enjoy time playing with the toys and games available. It's a place to make new friends and connect with church.

**APPEAL:** We do need some more helpers to serve tea and coffee and to chat with our families. If you think you could spare an hour and a half once a month on either a Monday or Friday to come and join us please do let us know by emailing [comms@swaychurch.com](mailto:comms@swaychurch.com).

**Messy Church update:** A lovely time was had at Messy Church last week- a family feel with encouragements that some parents and older siblings are offering to help and enjoying serving. The service was opened and led by Issac, Nathan and Will. Taiwo and Ken played live music and there were the usual chicken nuggets and blessed conversations with parents and children alike. There is an ongoing need to serve tea and refreshments and to share being present and being church with messy families so come along whether you have helped in Messy Church before or not. Just turn up - You are very welcome!

## Office cover week beginning 20th Oct

Monday closed

Tuesday- Friday open 10-12

The PCC are meeting this week to plan the recruitment of a Church Administrator. Thank you to the volunteers and Sophie covering the office hours. If you can volunteer too - please let the churchwardens know!

## Mission News

### Love in a Box - closing date for donations is November 8th.

Filled shoe boxes as Christmas gifts for under privileged children in Eastern Europe.

It's the time of year to appeal to you to support and donate to Love in a Box. There are leaflets with suggestions of what to put in the boxes at the back of church, church rooms or from Janet at Hillside, Middle Road.

### How can I help?

You can help by either filling a box (covered ones available from Janet or in church rooms), giving items for the team to pack or by donating money to help with post and packaging and towards buying items. Thank you!

## Church Land- Youth Centre updates

### Wednesday 6th November 19:00 - Church Land - Youth Centre.

#### Date for your diary.

Update and discussion meeting for all church members. This is a long term project and anyone interested in being involved or sharing their views are very welcome. If you would like to meet with any member of the PCC for a more detailed discussion or tour of the site - please just ask. NO decisions have been made and it is for the church to discern over the next few years the best long term use of the land and building and whether it is to be sold or kept for other uses.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

<b>Monday 21</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	Drop-In Bible Study

<b>Wednesday 23</b>	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	2.45pm	Open the Book
	7pm	PCC Meeting in church
<b>Thursday 24</b>	9am	Online Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	1.30pm	Thursday Club
<b>Friday 25</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
	11.30am	Birchy Hill Communion
	2pm	Creative Space Book HERE
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..

### OCTOBER

**Sunday 27th October - 11:00** - Baptism Celebration - Heidi, Alessio and Amelio will be welcomed into the church family through baptisms.

### NOVEMBER

**Friday 1st November 19:00** - Christmas Choir Practice

**Sunday 3rd November 15:00** - Thanksgiving Service and Tea

**Wednesday 6th November 19:00** - Church Land - Youth Centre. Update and discussion meeting for all church members. Come and share your views.

**Thursday 7th November 12:00** - Clergy Chapter Sway

**Friday 8th November 9:00** - Church led Remembrance School Assembly

**Friday 8th November 19:00** - Christmas Choir Practice

**Sunday 10th November 08:00** - Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th Nov-** Remembrance Sunday

**Monday 11th November 15:15** - Messy Church

**Tuesday 12th November 19:00** - Bible Study (drop-in)

**Friday 15th November** - Final day for Give to Go Green Donations

**Friday 15th November 19:00** - Christmas Choir Practice

**Saturday 16th November** - PCC Vision morning

**Sunday 17th November 16:00** - Evensong

**Tuesday 19th November 19:00** - PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 20th November 14:30** - Christian Meditation

**Thursday 21st November 10:00** - Christmas card bundle preparation

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