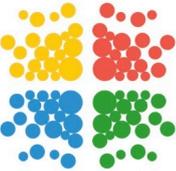


# st luke's church, sway



## **WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 21st April 2024**

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

**We have a lovely update from Kevin this week**





Hi Everyone,

Jane has asked me to put finger to keyboard and give you a brief update as to what's been going on in my life.

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for all the love and support that was received by myself and my family following the death of my father. It was my honour and privilege to take his funeral on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

Easter has been incredibly busy in my ministry as a Chaplain and we had a visit from the Bishop of Portsmouth on the Wednesday before the Easter weekend. It's always a joy to spend time with Bishop Jonathan and I know he's thought of very fondly by members of St Luke's. Good Friday saw me privileged once again to take a service at Birchy Hill. Easter Sunday saw me taking a service in my role as a Chaplain, thirty attended the service which was not a bad turnout, however as Cadbury's Creme egg's are traditionally given out at the end of this service, this could've had a bearing on the numbers! Perhaps the Church of England should take note, chocolate could be the answer to falling numbers.

Finally I would ask for your prayers as I try to discern what's next? I have served for twelve years as Chaplain and should be eligible for time off for good behaviour, so I am looking to move on. In June I am visiting Newfoundland in Canada, although a holiday I will also be exploring ministry opportunities there. So I close with the request for you to please keep me in your prayers, and as always you are in mine.

Your brother in Christ.

Kevin

### **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.

## **SUNDAY 21st April - The Forth Sunday after Easter**

**Sermon Series: Acts. The Church on Fire! The Power To Be The Church.**

### **Acts 2: 1-21**

Gospel reading: John 10: 11-18

**9.30am Informal Service** Leader Jane Mitchell. Speaker Taiwo Ogunjimi.

**10.30am Coffee Time in church**

**11am Family Communion Service** Led by Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker  
Taiwo Ogunjimi

**4pm Evensong Led By Jonathan Elliott-Jones**

## **NEXT SUNDAY 28th April - The Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**Sermon Series: Acts. The Church on Fire! We Cannot Stop.**

### **Acts 4: 1-22**

Gospel reading: John 15: 1-8.

**9.30am Informal Service with Communion** Leader and Speaker - Jane  
Mitchell.

**10.30am Coffee Time**

**11am Morning Service** Led by Ian Burnham. Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell.

## **Prayers**

This week please pray for -

- New PCC Members and Church Wardens
- New School Term
- Our buildings team
- Those on training courses with the Diocese
- Kevin and his future ministry.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

## Creative Space



This month, you are invited to bring your own creative project to work on in the inspiring and peaceful space within our beautiful village church. Some art materials will be available if you'd like to use those. It's fine, too, just to sit and read, or reflect. Refreshments will be served towards the end of the session, before a closing reflection and prayer from Jane. All are welcome - we look forward to seeing you. **Please sign up via Church Suite [HERE](#), or call/ leave a note in the church office, 01590 682358 by Wednesday 24th April.**

**Appeal for Coffee Time - Could you help just once a month?**



**A Smiling Lesley and Hazel**

Thank you to the new volunteers to help with coffee at both services- to

Ken helping set up for 9.30 service and Jane G and others who have supported either with time or tapping their card in church to help fund the yummy biscuits. Please contact Lesley if you could help once a month. THANK YOU.

**Bible Course - Session two is on 23rd April, all are welcome...**



An eight session course helping you explore the big story. Big, complex, old... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where the Bible Course comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip youth read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. Tuesdays in the Church Rooms. 7-8.30pm. **Dates: April 23rd. May 14th, 28th. June 11th 25th. July 9th and 23rd.** Register via ChurchSuite by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Note From Maureen**

*"Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes for my recovery. To all my dear friends and Vicar Jane for the hospital visits and at my daughter's home.*

*I am improving in leaps and bounds. God is good. Alleluia!"*

### **APCM**

A huge thank you and congratulations to our 2 church wardens elected at the Parish Meeting- Peter Blick and Sandra Clarke.

Hazel Gillett was elected as a deanery representative.

Ellie John, Geraldine Hawkes and Ken Naylor were elected on to the PCC.

Merilyn Christian- Edwards as a Licenced Lay Minister was elected on to

the PCC.

At the PCC meeting immediately following the APCM the standing committee was elected: Jane Mitchell, Peter Blick, Sandra Clarke, Geraldine Hawkes as PCC Sec, Taiwo Ogunjimi and Andrea Jansenns. Peter Blick was appointed Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer and Jane Nicholson the Electoral Roll Officer.

The PCC voted unanimously to co-opt Lucy Howlett onto the PCC for her experience in mission and connecting with her work for the Diocese in Racial Justice and The Environment.

Notes from the meeting and Introductions to all the existing and new PCC members will be made shortly. The website will be updated where you can find photos and contact details for PCC members to put names to faces and know who to speak to about different areas of church life. Please pray for the new PCC and give thanks for their commitment and calling to lead St Luke's for the next year.

### **Latest Newsletter from Mission Partner Bev in Ecuador**



Please click [HERE](#) to read the latest newsletter from Bev, including mention of her visit to Sway in January.

### **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?**

<b>Monday 22</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
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<b>Tuesday 23</b>	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	The Bible Course (Church Rooms)
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	1.30pm	Sway Flower Club
<b>Thursday 25</b>	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	11am	Funeral of Peter Scott
	1.30pm	Thursday Club
	6pm	Band Practice
<b>Friday 26</b>	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
	11.30am	Birchy Hill Communion Service
	2pm	Creative Space (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to book)
	2pm	Sway Place Communion 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=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)

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

### **APRIL**

**Saturday 20th April** - Jennifer Straw and Richard White Wedding

**Tuesday 23rd April 19:00** - The Bible Course

**Wednesday 24th April 7.30pm** - Licencing at Pennington Church of new priest

**Thursday 25th April 11:00** - Funeral of Peter Scott

**Friday 26th April 11:30** - Birchy Hill Communion Service

**Friday 26th April 14:00** - Creative Space - Click [HERE](#) to book.

**Friday 26th April 14:00** - Sway Place Communion Service

**Saturday 27th April 14:00** - Oakhaven "Service to Remember"

**Tuesday 30th April 19:00** - Information Evening - 3 year Forward Plan

## **MAY**

**Thursday 2nd May 18:00** - NFDC Polling Day - Police and Crime Commissioner Election

**Friday 3rd May 10:00** - Friday Service

**Wednesday 8th May 13:30** - Funeral of Lizzie Woodman

**Thursday 9th May 10:00** - Ascension Day Holy Communion

**Monday 13th May 15:15** - Messy Church - Click **HERE** to book

**Tuesday 14th May 13:00** - Gail Cain Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday 14th May 19:00** - The Bible Course

**Thursday 16th May 10:00** - Lymington Naturalists Eco Church

**Friday 17th May 10:00** - Friday Service

**Saturday 18th May 14:00** - Gardening Club Open Gardens

**Tuesday 21st May 19:00** - PCC Shared Meal and Welcome

**Tuesday 28th May 19:00** - The Bible Course

**Friday 31st May 1pm** - Davena Shelley's Thanksgiving Service

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