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INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 7-9PM

Meet with the Vicar and members of the Church Council

Initial presentation, followed by the opportunity to hear about the 9 key areas of church. Share your ideas and see how you could become involved. Refreshments served. Enjoy a glass of wine, or a cup of tea or coffee.

9 Key Areas

- Growth & Care
- Worship
- Mission
- Eco Church
- Families & Community
- Social & Hospitality
- Buildings (and Fabric)
- Finance
- Operations, Admin and Communications

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY
SUNDAY 28th April 2024**

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

Good Afternoon, lots to share with you in this weeks Parish News.

You can now also view the Parish News on the St Luke's website, <https://www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk/>. The link is at the top of the home page and also on the weekly newsletter tab. We will also be sharing the link on our Facebook page so all in the community can view the latest news.

Love and prayers

Sophie

Communications Administrator



Prayer

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

SUNDAY 28th April - The Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

Acts 4: 1-22

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

10.30am Coffee Time

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11am Morning Service Led by Ian Burnham. Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell.
Gospel reading: John 15: 1-8.

NEXT SUNDAY 5th May - The Sixth Sunday after Easter

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

Acts 10: 44-end

9.30am Informal Service with Communion Leader Lisa Thomas and
Guest Speaker Tricia Owen.

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Parish Communion Led by Revd Felicity Boot. Guest Speaker Tricia
Owen.

Gospel reading: John 15: 9-17.

Prayers

This week please pray for -

- Rick and Jenny, newly married
- Kevin and future ministry
- Messy Church and Services coming up
- Pauline Dover and families who grieve

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Open Information Evening

Join us for a glass of wine, or a tea or coffee and find out more about the 9 key areas of St Luke's Church. Including the draft plan for the next 3 years and opportunity to meet the members of the new PCC. We encourage ideas and you will be able to move around the Church and speak to members of the PCC at various breakout tables following the initial presentation. We welcome you to come along and ask questions and see how you could be involved. The evening is an **open evening** for those involved in church already or anyone who would like to find out more!

Everyone welcome.

Vicar Jane

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Thank you Gardening Team and Helpers



A big thank you to the fabulous gardening team and helpers that come along on Tuesday mornings and help to make the Churchyard look beautiful and tidy. Please do drop in and help if you would like to, help is always appreciated. We meet Tuesdays at 9.30am.

Congratulations to Rick and Jenny

Congratulations to Rick and Jenny on their wonderful wedding last weekend at St Luke's and every blessing for their married life together. The church and church rooms received a spectacular transformation! See images below.





Creative Space





See photo above of Creative Spaces' entry in the This is Us category of the exhibition, top left. Bernice visited in Winchester and said *"It was great to see so many entries in the 3 categories, and so much variety in style, media, etc. It was also lovely to catch up with Wendy (Atkinson) over lunch ...and Greg Eland came with her to see the exhibition and take photos. He said he'd speak with their publicity team to see whether they might be able to put together a video about our group at some point."*

Please find below the information panel that accompanied the exhibition.

THIS IS ME

Welcome to City Space and an array of vibrant expressions of identity and place.

Over the past two years, up and down the country, collaborative campaigns have been taking place under the title *This is Me*. At Hampshire Cultural Trust, we worked with young people through the ICE Heritage programme, which focused on creative self-direction, mental wellbeing, and celebrating identity in all its glorious diversity. City Space is proud to be displaying this original material as a final celebration of the project's achievements.

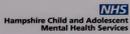
Alongside, superb new artworks are on display from our latest Horizon 20:20 partnerships with Greenwood School, New Forest, and Rowhill School, Aldershot.

To complement this targeted work, we threw open the doors and invited the community to take part, too. Timed to coincide with the arrival of two biographical tapestries in our main gallery by renowned British artist, Grayson Perry, *This is Me* also features locally made portraits.

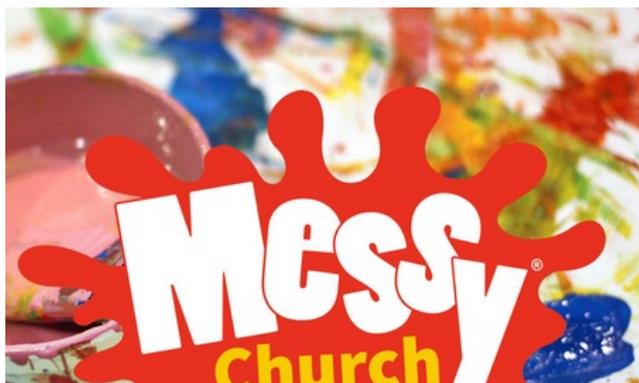
Perry's tapestries tell the story of fictional character, Julie Cope from Essex, depicting all the major events in her life, set against familiar landmarks. Inspired by these vivid portraits, we created three exhibition submission categories - THIS IS ME, THIS IS US and THIS IS WINCHESTER.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful and brilliant submissions from local groups, clubs and individuals, and we invite you to carry on contributing to the walls with your own creations.






Messy Church is Back!





Messy Church is back and plans are being made for May and June. The theme for June is **God the Gardener** - how when we trust in him- amazing things happen and we grow to know and love Him. Little ones will be able to engage in an eco activity, craft and of course the junk modelling. Vicar Jane will lead the short service in church - all children parents and carers welcome. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you'll be coming along and to find out more about Messy Church and what we do.

Meet the Church Wardens



Meet Peter Blick and Sandra Clarke our Church Wardens. If you would like to talk to Peter his contact details are: peter@swaychurch.com - 07808 777 176

If you would like to speak with Sandra her contract details are:

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Lord we pray for Sandra and Peter and ask for every blessing as they serve as church wardens.

Bible Course - May dates are 14th and 28th.

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? That's where the Bible Course comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life.

Announcement: Pauline Dover

We received news that Pauline died this week and have been asked to share this sad news with the parish.

Pauline was a faithful member of the St Luke's congregation and lived in Cruse Close for many years, only moving to Arundel in the last 5 years when she reached 100 yrs of age and needed to be nearer her family. She leaves two sons, Steve and Paul, whom we hold in our prayers at this time.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Monday 29	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
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Tuesday 30	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
	7pm	Information Evening- 3 year Forward Plan
Wednesday 1	12pm	SWAG Lunch Club
	1.30pm	School Governors Meeting
Thursday 2	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	6.30am - 10.30pm	NFDC Polling Day - Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in Church Rooms
	6pm	Band Practice
Friday 3	9.30am	Bump, Baby & 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=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

APRIL

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

Tuesday 30th April 19:00 - Information Evening - 3 year Forward Plan and Meet the PCC

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 18:30 - Ascension Day Holy Communion - **NOTE CORRECT TIME**

Sunday 12th May 11:00 - Christening of James Williams

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
Thursday 16th May 10:00-13:00 - Wildlife Group Visit
Friday 17th May 10:00 - Friday Service
Saturday 18th 14:00 & Sunday 19th May 12:00 - Gardening Club Open Gardens
Tuesday 21st May 19:00 - PCC Shared Meal and Welcome
Friday 24th May 11:30 - Birchy Hill Communion Service
Friday 24th May 14:00 - Creative Space TBC
Tuesday 28th May 19:00 - The Bible Course
Friday 31st May 1pm - Davena Shelley's Thanksgiving Service
Friday 31st May 14:00 - Sway Place Communion Service

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