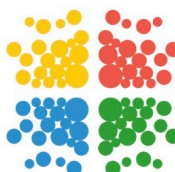


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The church looking beautiful, decorated for Rick and Jenny's wedding.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 5th May 2024

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

The photo above shows how wonderful the space is at St Luke's Church for a wedding reception or event. I posted a few photos on Facebook: Sway Hearsay this week and it had the most engagement of any post in the last 5 years with over 90 likes and positive comments from people who live in the village! It was like everyone is cheering us on and wants to be part of it. The huge project to

like everyone is cheering us on and wants to be part of it. The huge project to re-order the church was completed 10 years ago (2014) to make a welcoming, flexible worship space that could be adapted to meet the needs and use of the wider community as well. It seems from the comments that the community are catching that vision too - now lockdowns seem a distant past.

This Sunday we continue with our series in the Book of Acts and welcome Revd. Felicity Boot to lead Communion at 11 and Tricia Owen to preach at both services. Welcome back Tricia!

with Love and prayers

Jane

Prayer

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

THURSDAY 9th May - Ascension Day

6.30pm Ascension Day Service Led by Revd Kevin Smith. Music led by the Choir.

NEXT SUNDAY 12th May - The Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

Acts 7: 1-53 (The reading will be shortened - tbc)

8am Holy Communion

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

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service with the Christening of James Williams Led by Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker Malcolm Clayton.

Gospel reading: John 17: 6-19.

Prayers:

This week please pray for -

- .Messy Church on 13th May
- The Bible Course attendees
- Mike and Lizzie Woodman's friends and family
- Jane and Stuart having a break 'north of the border'.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Messy Church is Back!



Worship, crafts, activities and tasty hot food!
St. Luke's Church & Church Rooms
Monday 13th May 3.15 - 5pm
Monday 10th June 3.15 - 5pm
BOOK by visiting www.stlukeschurchsway.org.uk

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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.

Open Information Evening



Thank you to all who came along to the Open Information Evening and to the new PCC hosting the different tables. There were some good conversations and connections as we welcomed some members of the parish council as well as members of the church and community. There was interest around the research done by the Parish Council on the Youth Centre Site owned by the church. This is just in its very initial stages and we will circulate the reports when they are available electronically from the Parish council. Church Members are also invited to a **PCC meeting on July 16th at 7pm** in church when the Parish Council will come and share their research and ideas with the church. A date for your diary.

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

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

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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.

Buildings update: The Diocese issued the relevant faculty permissions last week for the external maintenance to the church to go ahead involving repointing some brickwork, some lead work, removal of vegetation and replacement of two parapet stones. Tender documents were prepared by the building team and have been sent to 4 contractors who said they were willing to quote for the work. The overhead cable for the internet to stream services from church has now been permanently fixed in accordance with the faculty permission.

Future Creative Space Dates

Friday 24th May 2.00 - 4.00 pm in Potters Field, Chapel Lane

We are very grateful to Christine and Clive for allowing us to meet in their wonderful meadow (at the Coombe Lane end of Chapel Lane) from 2pm on Friday 24th May. We'll draw inspiration from the natural beauty of God's creation. Some art materials will be available, or you are welcome to bring along your own creative project to work on. Christine has also kindly offered tea afterwards. All welcome - we look forward to seeing you. Please sign up via Church Suite by clicking [HERE](#), or via church office, 01590 682358 by Wednesday 22nd May.

Creative Space in June will be on Friday 28th June. This will be a special,

extended session: from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm, at the home of Russell Fry.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Monday 6 (BANK HOLIDAY)	-	-
Tuesday 7	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
Wednesday 8	1.30pm	Funeral of Lizzie Woodman
Thursday 9	9am	Online Morning Prayer led by Lisa Thomas
	6.30pm	Ascension Day Service
Friday 10	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group

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...

MAY

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

Thursday 9th May 18:30 - Ascension Day Holy Communion

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

Wednesday 15th May 14:30 - Christian Meditation

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

Sunday 19th May 16:00 - Evensong

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

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Friday 31st May 13:00 - Davena Shelley's Thanksgiving Service

Friday 31st May 14:00 - Sway Place Communion Service

JUNE

Sunday 9th June 9:00 - Sway Open Gardens

Monday 10th June 15:15 -Messy Church. Click [HERE](#) to book.

Tuesday 11th June 19:00 - The Bible Course

Thursday 13th June 19:00 - Summer Synod

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