

**Notices for St. Blasius and St. John's, 18th October 2026, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity/
St Luke the Evangelist, using the Green Ordinary Time booklets**

	St Blasius	St. John's	Music	Notes
18/10/2026	Parish Eucharist Revd Karen	Service of the Word Brenda	St B Lawrence St J n/a	
25/10/2026	Parish Eucharist Revd Tony	Parish Eucharist Revd Karen	St B Erles St J Steve	

Readings for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity/St Luke the Evangelist

St Blasius

Parish Eucharist	First Reading	Isaiah 35:3-6 (Averill)
	Second Reading	2 Timothy 4:5-17 (Pam)
	Gospel	Luke 1:1-9

St. John's

Service of the Word	First Reading	tbc
	Gospel	tbc

St Blasius News

- The PCC have agreed to adopt a new way for people to indicate whether they would prefer to take a wafer and drink from the common cup (chalice) or for the priest to intinct the host in the chalice for them. Put simply, if you would like to take the wafer and drink from the chalice, please could you hold your hands cupped in the traditional position, and if you would prefer the priest to intinct, please could you hold your hands together like a primary school child in prayer. You will then be given an intincted wafer.
- This Sunday, 18th October, at 5.30 pm, our choir will be amongst those singing at a choral evensong at Yaverland Church. Please come along if you are able.
- If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing, or would like to start to learn, please come along to the parish room this coming **Monday 19th October**, 10am to 12 noon, to take part in our new monthly craft session – ‘**A Good Yarn**’, which will be taking place every third Monday of the month. All welcome – tea and cake will also be available!
- On **Saturday 31st October at 7pm** we will be hosting a fundraising event to support **Alzheimer's Isle of Wight** entitled ‘**An Evening of Music and.....**’. The evening will feature Wight Harmony Barbershop, the Solent City Singers, the Quaynotes Quartet and the South Island A Capella. There will also be a talk by Maggie Bennett, CEO of the Alzheimer Café, Isle of Wight. Refreshments available. Please come along and support the concert if you can.
- If you have a **Children's Society box**, please could you pass it to Charlotte Coppin so that she can collate all of our donations.
- We are pleased to report that a total of £320 was raised for the Hampshire and Island Historic Churches Trust through our participation in this year's *Ride & Stride*. Our

thanks go to Pam and Jane and everyone who sponsored them and to our Welcomers, Jackie, Judith, Peter, Karen and Steve.

- St Blasius is holding a three-day **Crib Festival** this year from **3 to 5 December**. If anyone has a Nativity Scene (or part of one) they could spare to be displayed in the church over those dates, please let Charlotte (or other church friend) know. Collection can be arranged if necessary. Please note, the church will be manned throughout the festival. Many thanks!

St. John's News

- Bingo on Monday, 2pm to 4pm.
- Coffee morning on Thursday, 10am to 11am in the Annexe.
- If you have a **Children's Society box**, please could you pass it to Martin Hoy, as the time has now come for him to collate the donations.

Ecumenical Worship/News

- Members of churches in the Bay are invited to Sandown Baptist Church this Saturday (**17th October**) from 10.30-12noon for the first experimental Coffee, Conversation, Prayer and Praise morning. The plan is to hold this informal gathering roughly monthly between now and January to help people from the different churches to build relationships and to enjoy fellowship together. All welcome.
- Shanklin URC is running an Alpha Course at 5pm each Sunday. This course is intended for those who are either 'exploring' or new to the Christian faith. More details about Alpha can be found here:
[Alpha UK — Explore the Christian faith](#)

Church Community News:

- The October Shanklin Chimes magazine is available at each church and on the St Blasius and St John's Church websites: [St Blasius - A Church Near You](#) and [St John's - A Church Near You](#)
- News of events and information about the life of our Diocese may be found in the latest e-bulletin: [The Portsmouth Diocese eBulletin – the latest information update](#)

We continue to keep in our prayers all who are unwell especially for all those known to us personally, including Beryl O' Brien, Martin, Anne, Garry Turnbull, Michael, Jenny Halpin, Valerie and Chris Keynes, Sue Kendall and Paul Walker.

We remember before God those whose earthly race has run. May God grant eternal rest to all who have died, both those known to us and those known to God alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray that families and friends who have lost loved ones may find peace and comfort.

Our prayers continue for all those who care for the dying, the sick, the housebound and infirm, our medical teams, hospice staff and volunteers, emergency services, carers, home visitors, Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends and all who minister to the isolated and lonely.

As we continue to hold in our prayers the hope of an end to the conflicts especially those in Sudan, Ukraine, Ethiopia and Eritrea, Yemen, India and Pakistan, Cambodia and Thailand, as well as all of the countries caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East. We pray for God's comfort and blessing on all those whose lives have been disrupted because of natural disasters or other tragedies.

A prayer for the feast of St Luke the Evangelist 🙏

Almighty God, you inspired your servant St. Luke to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son, Jesus. Help us to learn from his compassion and to show love to all we meet. Amen.

Rev'd Karen <><