

Sunday 18th October 2020

St Luke's Day

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion – Healing & Wholeness
10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship – Healing & Wholeness
4.00 p.m.	Tea-Time Church – Healing & Wholeness

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Service Readings

Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9

Please pray for

... those in need of our prayers: Sheila Banks, Julie Banks, Rosemary Bailey, Anne Bradbeer, Pauline Coulter, Doris Greenacre, Joy Hunter, Pat Williams, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Mary Doughty and James Ellis whose anniversary of death is at this time

... those who live and work in Queen Eleanor's Road, Raymond Crescent, Reindorp Close and Ridgemount.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family in Papua New Guinea

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dear Friends

Today, the 18th October, in the Church's calendar is St. Luke's Day. It's the day we remember Luke the writer of the third Gospel, and also of the Book of Acts. We remember Luke the Gentile, whose Gospel was so accessible for those outside the Jewish faith. We remember Luke the doctor, close friend and travelling companion of St. Paul.

And that description of Luke as a doctor, or physician, has led to this day being associated with 'Wholeness' and 'Healing'. That theme will be the focus of all our 3 Services today, at 8 o'clock, 10 o'clock and at 4 o'clock. In different ways, and through varying styles of worship we'll discover more of the 'wholeness and healing' that Lord offers to each one of us – through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

That message seems particularly relevant to me in this 'Covid year' – where people have suffered in a variety of different ways. We're aware of increased mental health problems, caused by the uncertainty and isolation of these times. Many people have suffered losses of one kind or another – work, or homes, or family members. The backlog in waiting time at hospitals has meant that some of us have had to wait much longer for treatment than we'd expected. And we don't know how long this will go on for; it seems that things are unlikely to improve much before the new year and the spring.

In such times it's good to 'dig deep' into our spiritual roots and the Gospel message. Some of Jesus' final words to his disciples were, 'Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you'. He was talking about the Shalom, that deep experience of wholeness and wellbeing that we all long for. Jesus' ministry was also characterised by healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration – of body, mind and spirit. And that ministry continues through the work of the Holy Spirit today.

So today, let's open ourselves again to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Let's pray that the Lord will indeed minister his peace, his healing, his blessing in our lives. And as we receive those gifts today, let's pray that we can share them with a suffering and needy world

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Mission Focus for October: Mosaic Middle East (formerly FFRME)

Mosaic Middle East is working in Iraq and Jordan 'to bring hope, help and healing in the Middle East. Their focus is on vulnerable and persecuted

minorities. Their motivation is Christian compassion. Their objective is to strengthen and empower those in need.' Please pray for the staff and volunteers working in difficult situations to bring hope, comfort and light into the lives of people who have lost so much. More information in the Oct magazine or from their website at mosaicmiddleeast.org.

Notices

Thank you – to everyone who came to help with the work morning yesterday. Once again, we made great progress with our many routine maintenance jobs.

Tea-time Church team – We're getting together a small team to help plan and run the 4pm Tea-time services. If you'd like to be involved, please have a chat with Beverly.

Remembrance Day – This year, we will be holding three Services of Remembrance. There will be services at 9am, 11am and 4pm. In order to remain safe and control numbers, we will be ticketing each service. Tickets (free!) are available to book online **now**. *Please book soon*. If you can't do online bookings, just ask Trish to book them for you. Here's the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/125141941917>

Bucket pond bonanza! Thanks to everyone who has donated items so far. The ponds are really starting to take shape. We're now ready to populate the ponds with plants and pond life. All donations very welcome. More info here:

<https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/news/eco-news/bucket-pond-bonanza/>

Pilgrim 3 – Our third Pilgrim course will be starting on 4th November and running for 6 weeks. The theme this time is The Commandments. You don't need to have attended either of the previous courses to come along to this one. Please let Trish know if you'd like to attend. Books can be obtained from Aslan for £4.99 and free delivery!

[\(https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com/pilgrim-book-3-the-commandments/\)](https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com/pilgrim-book-3-the-commandments/)

Online services – From now on, we're aiming to 'Zoom' about two services a month and these will be recorded and put onto our YouTube channel afterwards. You will receive an email in the week leading up to an online service as a reminder. When we don't Zoom, we'll put the audio of the whole 10am service onto the website. We will continue to put part of the 8am service on the phone-in facility. It will be there by mid Monday morning.

Family List – We plan to print a new edition of the Family List next month. If you're already in the list, you need do nothing and you'll get a copy. If you're not in it and want to be, please let Trish know by the end of October. Remember – you have to be in it to have one!

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer 9.15am Mon-Weds, Holy Communion 9.15am Thurs

Tues 20th Vision Group Chairs, Zoom, 3.00pm
Weds 21st Dray Court Prayer Meeting, Zoom, 2.30pm
Barnabas Group, Zoom, 7.45pm
Thurs 22nd Preaching Group, Zoom, 5.30pm
Friday 23rd Friday Group, Zoom, 3.00pm
Sun 25th *Bible Sunday*
BCP Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion, 10.00am – Martyn Whiteman preaching
Zoom 'Coffee after Church' 12 noon
Tea-time Church, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 19th Ps. 145, Isaiah 55, Luke 1:1-4
Tues 20th Ps. 106, 2 Kings 18:1-12; Philippians 1:12-end
Weds 21st Ps. 111, 2 Kings 18:13-end, Philippians 2:1-13
Thurs 22nd Ps. 115, 2 Kings 19:1-19, Philippians 2:14-end
Fri 23rd Ps. 139, 2 Kings 19:20-36, Philippians 3:1-4:1
Sat 24th Ps. 121, 2 Kings 20, Philippians 4:2-end

Service Readings for Sunday 25th October: Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8:1-4a(5-6)8-12; Colossians 3:12-17 and Matthew 24:30-35

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