



St. Mary's Church
Chiddingfold

18 October 2020

Feast of St. Luke

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Parish Communion- webcast to St. Mary's YouTube Channel

Collect

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.

Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Luke 10. 1-9

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

For our Prayers

Church

We give thanks for the treasure of the gospel bequeathed to us by the evangelists, and pray for the grace to receive it. We ask that God would show us what holds us back from following Christ more fully, and lead us to a new and fuller knowledge of his love. We give thanks for Christ's call on our lives, and pray especially for all those seeking to discern how they can be of service right now.

World

We pray for a right attitude towards wealth and possessions: for those who have much, that they may remember the poor, use their influence wisely, and strive for the good of the planet. And we pray for those who have little: for those who go hungry or cold or homeless; for all who are burdened by debt and who struggle to get by day to day. We pray for a just and wise sharing of the world's resources, and we ask a blessing on all those who work to provide relief and aid to those in need.

Our Neighbours

Within the parish we pray for those who are involved in the arts and for all who by their creative endeavours lift our hearts, stretch our minds, feed our souls, open our eyes, and fill us with wonder and awe. At St Mary's we give thanks

and pray for all those who have those who look after the church's finances, and we give thanks for all who support the ministry and mission of the church with their money, gifts, and time that it may continue to be for all in this parish a place of inspiration, peace and redemption.

Those in Need

We give thanks and pray for all those who work in healthcare and healing, and pray for those who are troubled, in distress, or ill that they may know your healing presence surrounding and holding them.

The Departed

We give thanks that nothing can separate us from the love of God, and commend to his mercy all who have died. We pray for the recently departed; for those who have died violently or at the hands of others, as Saint Luke did; and for all those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, let your holy gift make us holy, and establish us in the faith of the gospel which Saint Luke proclaimed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday, 25th October, we hope you will join us for Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am and Parish Communion at 10am, or on-line when Parish Communion is webcast.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held Sunday 25th October at 11:00am in church. At the APCM we will be electing deanery synod representatives and PCC members.

Autumn Glory! St Mary's is hosting an autumn competition with the Horticultural Society to help us experience joy and delight in the changing of the seasons. There are categories for all ages, lovely prizes and no entry charge! All submissions must be received by November 7th and the winners will be announced in the December Parish Magazine.

This October we encourage you to take five minutes out of your day to listen to a reflection on **God's Abundant Generosity**. Each reflection offers steps we can take to live generously, so that we can show God's abundant generosity in all circumstances, transforming our lives and our community. You can sign up to receive them by email: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/making-disciples/encouraging-generous-giving/transforming-generosity

Halloween doesn't need to be cancelled, here's how to stay safe! Fun activities and ideas you can do on 31st October: Carve or decorate a pumpkin, then photograph your creation and submit it to the Autumn Glory competition; decorate your windows for delight and/or fright; hold an in-door trick-or-treat scavenger hunt for members of your household; plan a Halloween movie night!

On Sunday 1st November we will hold a **Family Service** at 10am *in place of Parish Communion*. A short, joyous celebration of all God's saints! Children are asked to sit with their families for this 30 min service suitable for all ages. That Sunday we will also hold an All Souls **Service of Light** at 6:30pm to remember candlelit prayers to remember by name those who have died. Pre-booking required: stmaryschidd@btinternet.com

Could you be the next **Churchyard Working Party Co-ordinator**? It's a well-supported role and not onerous, but we need you! Please contact the church wardens if you can help.

Please help support our local **Food banks**. You can bring your donations to the Roberts Store, where we have a dedicated drop off point set up for your convenience.

Mary's is **open every day** of the week from 9:00 – 5:30. So you have more time to lay down your concerns and enjoy its peace; to reflect, pray and light a candle. Morning prayer is offered on Saturday 9am in church as well as on-line, and we encourage you to join us.