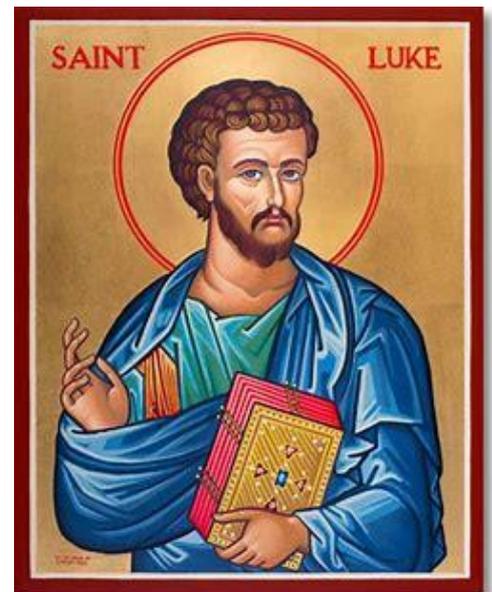


# St Luke the Evangelist

You might like to have a themed family celebration at home to celebrate St Luke's Feast day

Here are some ideas for making it special.

- Use a lacey table cloth. Or if you don't have one maybe use a few cake doilies on the table or fold and cut out shapes from a sheet of paper to create lacey place mats. This reminds us that St Luke is the patron saint of lace makers.
- St Luke was a doctor, so you might like to dress up as a doctor or a nurse.
- Since St Luke is the patron saint to butchers, you might like to celebrate by having your favourite meaty dish - burgers and chips or a roast dinner!
- As St Luke is also the patron saint of painters you might like to "paint" some homemade biscuits with some yummy icing to eat after your meal.
- St Luke is the patron saint of many groups of people including artists, bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, glassworkers, goldsmiths, physicians, sculptors, stained glass workers and surgeons. Think what else you might decorate the table with to reflect one or more of these groups.



Parties often have some fun activities so why not try some of these things:

- Colour the picture of St Luke
- Use card and tissue paper to make a stained-glass window to remind you that St Luke is the patron of stained-glass makers.
- Write a letter to your doctor or the local health centre to thank them for all their hard work especially at this difficult time.
- Luke was one of the gospel writers. Each Gospel writer is represented in symbols; Matthew represented by a Man, Mark by a Lion, Luke by a Calf and John by an Eagle. In the picture below foot and hand prints have been used to create each of these symbols. Maybe you could have a painting competition to see who can make the best representation of one of the symbols



**A Poem for St Luke by Malcolm Guite**

His gospel is itself a living creature  
 A ground and glory round the throne of God,  
 Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature  
 And One upon the throne sees it is good.  
 Luke is the living pillar of our healing,  
 A lowly ox, the servant of the four,  
 We turn his page to find his face revealing  
 The wonder, and the welcome of the poor.  
 He breathes good news to all who bear a burden  
 Good news to all who turn and try again,  
 The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,  
 A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,  
 The voiceless find their voice in every word  
 And, with Our Lady, magnify Our Lord.



**St Luke – A picture to colour**

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