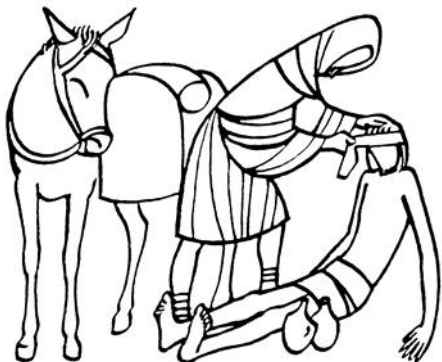


## Reflection St Luke's Day 2020

Readings and prayers today are for St Luke because his feast day is on 18 October, but the talk at 10.30 and 12 will be a shortened Rector's Report as part of the postponed Annual Meeting. However we should not lose sight of St Luke, this year especially: firstly as a patron of medicine, we need Luke's prayers for all of us as never before, and particularly for our doctors, nurses, carers and scientists; and secondly as the Opening Prayer makes clear, Luke had a concern in his writing for the needs of marginalised and vulnerable people, for example in the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. We are aware in this parish of the risk of a second pandemic – of unemployment, poverty and hunger, so we think of Luke in this respect as well. Luke's Gospel opens with Jesus declaring a "manifesto" for his ministry, picking up words from the prophet Isaiah.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."* (Luke 4. 18 & 19)

*Fr David*



### Codes for the Zoom worship at 10.30

These are codes for Sundays from 4th October to the end of November:

**Meeting ID:** 865 5823 0026

**Passcode:** 504187

**Telephone numbers:** 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240, 0131 460 1196

### NEXT SUNDAY 25.10.20 Bible Sunday (T 20)

**SERVICES** 10.30am by Zoom & 12 noon Mass in Church

#### READINGS

OT Nehemiah 8: 1-4a (5-6) 8-12

NT Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel Matthew 24: 30-35



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# St Thomas, Exeter

Sunday 18th October 2020

## St Luke the Evangelist (Trinity 19)

**Guidance for APCM** We are starting today at **10am** with our Morning Worship for St Luke, followed immediately afterwards by the Vestry and then the Annual meeting. We will follow the standard service we have used for many weeks. There is a booklet enclosed with hard copy versions of this pewsheet, which will also be emailed and available online. This gives an Agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, and Reports which should be read in advance. If you have questions, they will be answered later by phone or email. We need to keep both of these events within the hour to enable those on the phone not to incur any extra phone charges.

If you have not accessed Zoom before, do try, it's very easy: ring one of the phone numbers in the box on the left at the top, when instructed enter first the Meeting Id and then when prompted the Passcode. When we see a number appearing on the screen we will ask for you to identify yourself, if we do not recognise the number. If we need to vote, we will simply ask anybody on the phone whether they are saying Yes or No.

The Mass is at 12 noon in the Church as normal. Do join us and good luck!

*Fr David*



## Collect

Father,

you chose Luke the evangelist to reveal by preaching and writing the mystery of your love for the poor. Unite in one heart and spirit all who glory in your name, and let all nations come to see your salvation;

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**

## Acts 16: 6-12a

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

## 2 Timothy 4: 5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which

the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

## Luke 10: 1-9

After this 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."

## Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## NOTICES

**Community Larder** The Community Larder will be collecting on **Tuesdays only** from 10am-12noon **not** Thursdays. Please continue to be generous. Note that the collecting point will now be in the **church tower**, not in the hall.

## Knit and Natter 30<sup>th</sup> September to Christmas

We shall be meeting, on Wednesdays at the usual time 10.30 to 12 midday in the Church Hall. Contact Jenny on 01392 498725 for details.

Ian Totterdell is running the **Hospiscare Marathon in a Month** during October. Details to follow.

## Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you for your donations. The amount raised this year was £227. Pat Metford