

Sunday 18 October 2020

Luke the Evangelist

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

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ 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.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall
be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ 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;

2 Timothy 4.5–17

⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an
evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶ As for me, I am already being
poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have
fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Do your best to come
to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me
and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful
in my ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come,
bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above
all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the
Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for
he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ 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

10 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. ² 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. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ 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.
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.

The Week Ahead

Today

Following the service, St James' will hold its annual meeting. This will last apx. 20 minutes.

Monday-Friday

9am Morning Prayer live on St Thomas' Facebook page

5pm Evening Prayer live on St James' Facebook page

Thursday

2.30pm The Bible Course returns on Zoom. 4 sessions on Marks' Gospel. Please speak to Fr David for a Zoom invite.

7pm Zoom Meeting to plan our Christingle services

Next Sunday (25th October)

4.30pm Fr David and Fr Mark will be singing Evensong at St Ambrose, Grindleton. This will be available to view/join in with on St James' Facebook page.

NOTICES

The Bible Course

This returns, on Zoom, on Thursday 22 October for 4 weeks. This short-course will focus on Mark's Gospel. Anyone who's not had email information and would like it should contact Fr David.

All Souls-tide

We will hold an All Souls service, as usual, this year – Sunday 1 November, 3pm. It will be a service live on our Facebook pages. If you would like the name of a loved-one remembered during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church.

Remembrance Sunday (8 November)

St James' will hold its service, as usual, at 10.45am and the wreath-laying will take place at the War Memorial following this service.

St Thomas' will hold a normal Sunday morning Parish Eucharist at 9.15am with an Act of Remembrance. You will need a [free] ticket for this service so that we can maintain a safe number of people in church. Tickets are available today – please only ask for what you definitely need and will use.

Harvest Thanks

Thank you **very much** for all the Harvest offerings for RAFT. As well as gifts to use, £149 was collected too, for RAFT to use. St James' collected £185 for Water Aid, plus a further £105 which will be reclaimed in Gift Aid.

Children's Society Boxes

St James' – if you have one of these collecting boxes then it's time, please, to return it to church. These should be left on the checking-in table in church. If you would like a collecting box for next year, please speak to Carole Whitling.

Prayer List

Please keep us informed about anyone who you think could be added to our prayer list and also how those who are on it are doing.

Local Covid Restrictions

We will all be very aware of the challenges of increased infection rates locally at the moment. Fortunately, it seems that, for the moment, public acts of worship will be unaffected. It is as important as ever that we keep ourselves and our buildings as safe as we can so that we can stay open. Please remember that **face coverings** are mandatory and should cover nose and mouth. Please remember to use the **hand sanitizer** as you arrive and leave. Please **go straight to your seat** in church – and stay there. **Please don't wander and chat.** If you're feeling unwell then please join in with our services online from the comfort of your home.