

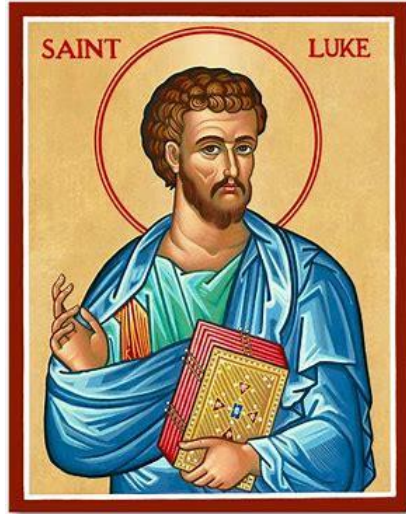
# Weekly Pewsheet

*Service Details and Notices*

## Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 2020

St Peter and St Paul Market Overton  
Holy Trinity Teigh St Mary Ashwell



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# From the Team Vicar

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, is St Luke's Day. Who is Luke you may be asking? Luke is the author of the gospel bearing his name, the one which portrays the most compassionate picture of God, not least through the two parables unique to his gospel, namely The Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and The Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Luke is also the author of the book of Acts, the wonderful chronicle of the first followers of Jesus Christ, telling us how this rather eclectic bunch grew into the identity of being 'Christians' and united into being church, Christ's presence in their communities.

The stories told in Acts are often in the first person, telling us that Luke was present and as we hear in the excerpt from Paul's letter to Timothy, he was faithful companion, 'only Luke is with me' 2 Tim.4:11.

Luke was also a doctor, probably the first Christian medical doctor, so when in the 1990s the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF) decided to encourage a Healthcare Sunday, choosing the time of St Luke's festival was the obvious choice. Healthcare Sunday is an annual opportunity for churches to acknowledge, affirm, and support the work done by members of their congregation and local community who work in health and social care.

Working in health and social care is both rewarding and challenging, and this year has certainly seen an increase in the challenges and perhaps the rewards too. I wonder how we can affirm those who work in these areas and also offer support? Do we know who they are in our congregations? Do we know who they are in our communities?

As Christians one way we can help is to pray, and the CMF have produced a simple 7-point prayer guide which is printed in this pewsheet, please make use of it. It would be even better if we could pray for local workers by name and let them know that we are praying for them and perhaps ask if there are some specific areas that they would like prayer for.

On the CMF website there is a reflection by an A&E doctor, Benjamin Chang, telling of how working through the COVID-19 pandemic has changed him. The changes he highlights all echo with the compassion of God and are not related to medical expertise, rather they are about being willing to be present in the moment.

Sadly, alongside people who are ill at this time there is an absence of loved ones, many like Paul are saying 'only Luke (doctor/nurse) is with me', and Benjamin has recognised what a privilege and vital thing it is currently for healthcare workers to fill the gap, to be a presence in the absence. He quotes a senior doctor saying '*Suffering is not a question that demands an answer. It is not a problem that demands a solution. It is a mystery that demands a presence.*'

Building on from that he has also recognised how a relative really values contact with the medical professionals who are caring for their loved one, they too can benefit greatly from a presence in the absence. Benjamin says that he used to call relatives purely to gain information and now sees the blessing of also giving information, of being a link through the locked hospital doors and easing the pain of separation.

He has also recognised the importance of staying alongside someone and helping them to both live well and to die well. He talks of facing up to the times when it is clear that the fight against death can no longer be won, and the importance of using the precious opportunity to be kind, give dignity, and provide a peaceful death. He quotes Dame Cicely Saunders, the nurse who pioneered palliative care, '*You matter because you are you, and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.*'

I was so encouraged to hear of these changes for good that have emerged from this difficult time for this one doctor, and no doubt countless others, and I hope you are encouraged too. Let us hold Benjamin Chang, and all the healthcare workers we know, regularly in prayer, praying for God's blessing, strength, and compassion.

And can we do more? Is there a way we can bless them practically as well? I heard a story this week of someone who found a bunch of flowers in a doorway with a card attached which simply said 'Please take me, and have a nice day', she was really touched by this unexpected gift of kindness. I wonder what innovative and kind ways we can think of this week to bless a healthcare worker and remind them that they matter...

Love & blessings,  
Deborah

## **Church services during October –**

### **St Andrew's, Whissendine**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 4pm Evening Prayer

### **St Peter & St Paul's, Market Overton**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity, Teigh**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9am Morning Prayer

### **St Mary's, Ashwell**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am Morning Prayer

### **Compline on Wednesdays at 5pm**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Market Overton

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Whissendine

***ALL the services will use resources that are in the current pewsheet  
please remember to bring it with you***

# Sunday Worship

## Welcome

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves afresh to the service of God

## Preparation

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest  
*Luke 10:2*

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You led your people to freedom  
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.  
May we who walk in the light of your presence  
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,  
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.  
Blessed are you, Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever**

## Prayers of Penitence

*Moment of quiet and prayers for forgiveness*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **Psalm 147.1-7**

1 Alleluia.  
How good it is to make music for our God, \*  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem \*  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, \*

but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

Alleluia.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be  
for ever. Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **First Reading - Isaiah 35:3-6**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:5-17**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

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! 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 10.1-9**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

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."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Reflection**

### **Responsory**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

## Morning Service - The Benedictus (*Luke 1.68-79*)

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, \*  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old \*  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God \*  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Evening Service – Magnificat (*Luke 1.46-55*)

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; \*  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, \*  
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm \*  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,  
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
and lifting up the lowly.  
6 He has filled the hungry with good things \*  
and sent the rich away empty.  
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, \*  
to remember his promise of mercy,  
8 The promise made to our ancestors, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Collect for Luke the Evangelist

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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### The Conclusion

May God,  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,

who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
bless us, lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the loving glory of our Creator,  
now and through all eternity,  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Reflection** by *Michael Ellard*

Today we celebrate the life of St. Luke, Gospel writer and Evangelist, a person who wanted to share with others the importance of knowing Jesus in their lives. But when we mention the word 'Evangelist' most of us will probably think of the stranger who rings the front door bell at the most inappropriate time, and wants to talk about 'Jesus,' on our doorstep. Unfortunately this image can then cast the role of evangelism into the wrong light, for sharing the Gospel message with others, in ways best suited to us individually, is an important part of the work Jesus asks us all to do. We don't think instead, of the friend or colleague who is happy to explain their faith to us in a personal way in the course of day to day conversation, as many of us will probably experienced

So how do we overcome the prejudices on this subject, and possibly our feelings of inadequacy to do this work, that our reading brings us to reflect upon today? Certainly we need to be honest with ourselves, and decide whether we are 'an upfront person' who is happy to talk to strangers or crowds of people, perhaps like 'Billy Graham' or others like him, or do our gifts lie in a more personal approach, talking with people individually. Perhaps our role is one of being supportive to those who can be more upfront as we all grapple with this task.

But not taking the 'upfront' role, should not be seen as any form of failure, for Jesus now explains that the supportive role is equally as important, as we hear how he is sending the seventy two appointed disciples out in pairs. Two people working together can be very supportive to one another, sharing their different gifts, and being able to encourage one another through the challenges and difficult times that the role of spreading Christ's message in a disinterested world can cause. As we begin look at this passage more closely though, we notice that Jesus appoints those people he has called together to do this work., and we see, that unlike many choices we make in our daily lives, becoming an Evangelist is a role Jesus guides us to consider, before then endorsing that role we take on for him. 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'.

That role is one that brings people to hear Jesus' words for themselves, with no pressure to respond then, but to consider what they hear, and then decide how they wish to respond to his invitation to follow him in their lives.

In celebrating Luke's role as one of the great Evangelists of the New Testament, we might be surprised to find that unlike Paul, Luke, was not a great 'upfront person', but one who preferred to work through personal contact with friends and people he already knew. He was a scholar, a Greek, and a Physician, and a great companion of Paul, with whom it is thought he travelled widely.

As we open Luke's Gospel, or the Books of the Acts we notice he starts both books as if writing a letter to his friend Theophilus. He quickly says what he is writing about, explaining he has both researched and examined the words of Jesus in great detail, and is satisfied about their accuracy. Evangelism must be founded on truth if we are to bring Christ's message to those wider audiences than just ourselves in our church communities. We can't bend or exaggerate the facts to create more appeal, or emphasis particular stories just because we understand their meaning more than the more difficult passages we encounter. Above all, we need to be honest about those things we too find hard to understand or perhaps follow, if those listening are to take us seriously.

Luke's more personal style of evangelism did not limit its ability to reach others though, or was it less effective than a more 'upfront style'. friend Theophilus, to whom he was writing was thought possibly to be Luke's sponsor, and he was a man of importance able to have Luke's writing copied and circulated to others outside his own circle. So like Paul, Luke's message was reaching out far beyond that initially thought possible by just a letter to a friend, and this should give us encouragement in the ways we can work today in these 'lock down' times to spread the teaching of Jesus at this time.

Evangelism, bringing people into contact with Jesus, may not be for us all, but we can take an active supportive role, if being 'upfront' appears too daunting.

### **Prayers of Intercession** by Revd Simon Aley

Prayer of the Church St. Luke, Evangelist

○ Lord, enable Your people by Your power. Grant to us grace sufficient for all our needs and to support the needs of people we love and care for.

*Brief silence*

Use us Lord as you used Luke to open the eyes of the blind by the light of Your Word and to open the ears of the deaf with the voice of Your Gospel, that they may know the riches of Your grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up evangelists who will witness the Gospel, for preachers who will testify to the power of the cross by which we have been saved, asking that You bless Your Church and all of us called to serve us in Your name. We pray for those, like Luke who were sent out to share Your message with varied reception. In our own benefice, we pray for Gail, our evangelist and for opportunities for Gail and all of us during this pandemic to share the Good News of Christ in our communities.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to You Lord to bless our nation with peace and harmony, and for the Lord to bless our Government, local government and community leaders, as they seek to protect and defend us during this pandemic. We pray for nations where people feel unprotected, because of war, tensions generated by race, belief or human rights.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Luke was a physician and knew the power of God working alongside his own skill to heal the sick, give relief to the suffering, grant comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying. We pray for those we know who need healing and especially for those in our parishes ... In a moment of silence we pray for those especially on our heart claiming God's power to heal those when we call in your Name.

*Brief Silence*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Luke was a physician and we pray for all who serve as doctors and nurses, orderlies, medical researchers and those who work to end disease, and for those who care for people most vulnerable.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we look to the coming week, Lord, we pray for the renewal of our lives in prayer and devotion, interceding on behalf of all those in need and all those who have devoted themselves to the Lord's work. Use our time and our energy Lord, in your service

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of His coming again, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us, remembering those who have recently died ... and who now rest and live in Your eternal presence

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Praying Alone

## Praying Together

### *Daily Prayer This Week*

*Morning Prayer is streamed live on Facebook at 8.30am from Monday to Friday, and is available after that on Facebook and the website.*



### Readings

Readings & Collect Prayer for Daily Prayer in the coming week

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 19 October <i>Luke the Evangelist</i>	Psalm 145 Luke 1.1-4	Psalm 103 Isaiah 55
Tuesday 20 October	Psalm 106 Philippians 1.12-end	Psalm 107 2 Kings 18.1-12
Wednesday 21 October	Psalm 111 Philippians 2.1-13	Psalm 119.129-152 2 Kings 18.13-end
Thursday 22 October	Psalm 115 Philippians 2.14-end	Psalm 116 2 Kings 19.1-19
Friday 23 October	Psalm 139 Philippians 3.1-4.1	Psalm 130 2 Kings 19.20-36
Saturday 24 October	Psalm 121 Philippians 4.2-end	Psalm 118 2 Kings 20

### Collect

**Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# Resources for Worship

During this time when we cannot worship together in church, there are a number of alternatives available:

- The Oakham Team Facebook page, where one of the ministry team will lead a live stream of **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** on weekdays and **Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at 10.30am on Sundays**. These will also be available on the Team website, together with the service sheet and Weekly Pewsheets;
- **Compline**. David Perril continues a weekly service of Compline every Wednesday at 8.30pm on the Oakham Team Facebook page. Please use the new Compline booklet which is available from the team office or the porch at All Saints Oakham. Please email Liz on [ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk) if you would like a copy.
- The Church of England has an online resources page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>.
- **Daily Hope Phone Line**. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.
- **Lecto Divina**. Vyv Wainwright has produced a booklet as a quick guide to us all in the practice of daily prayer. The booklet is available directly from Vyv or there are some copies available in the south porch of All Saints Oakham.

## Next Sunday – 25 October is Bible Sunday

Readings: Psalm 119.9-16; Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35

## News from the Team

### Funeral

The funeral of Philip Hutchinson will take place on 26 October at 11.30am at St Andrew Hambleton and then onto Egleton. Due to the current coronavirus restrictions attendance at the funeral is by invitation only.

### Talk - 12 November at 2.00 pm

Revd. Dr Carys Walsh, the Diocesan Curate Training Officer is coming to St Peter's Barrowden to talk about her new book Reflections for Advent with R.S.Thomas. To book a free place to come please contact Kay Bagshaw on 748797.

### Oakham Team Ministry Zoom Bible Study

**St Mark's Gospel Part 1 – Chapters 1-10 Autumn 20 THEN chapters 11-16 jointly with Welland Fosse Benefice – Lent** Mark's Gospel is a cracking read in one sitting and to start off we plan to do just that, socially distanced at All Saints on 22.10.20 between 2 and 4 pm bring your own flask, Bible NRSV ideally) and voice – it takes about 1 hour 45 minutes. The rest of the sessions would be weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm starting 27.10.20 and last 1 hour each session, held on Zoom only, led by me.  
*Revd Simon Aley*

### 2021 Rutland Calendar

Every year Richard Adams produces a beautiful calendar using his stunning photographs of Rutland. It is sold in aid of Rutland Historic Churches

Preservation Trust. Richard also annually donates a batch of calendars to the Autumn Fayre with all proceeds coming to All Saints Church. In spite of us not being able to hold the Fayre this November, Richard has kindly made a donation of calendars to help raise money for our church funds. The cost is just £6 each, a little less than the cost in the shops. You can purchase one from us at church at the 10.30am service or we are happy to deliver to you if you leave a message at the parish office on 01572 724007 and we shall get back to you.

*Elaine and Graham*

### Mothers union travelling nativity 2020

Unfortunately due to Covid 19 we will be unable to send out the four Travelling Nativity sets to families and schools this year. Instead we propose to send an Advent Calendar to all who would normally host the Holy Family. To this end we seeking donations towards the purchase of the calendars from MUE (Mothers Union enterprises). Each calendar costs £3.75 and we will need 100 to complete the project. Mothers Union have already been able to donate £90 towards our target of £375, therefore, leaving a shortfall of £285 to be raised. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile project please speak to either Carolyn Pattinson (01572 492657/07958 526303) or Denise McDonald (07981639649/01572722729)  
Thanks Denise

## All Souls (2 November)

Traditionally, All Saints has held a service on All Souls Day to commemorate those who have died. Sadly, due to coronavirus, this is not possible this year, though we will be remembering your loved ones on that day. **The church will be closed during this ceremony but we hope to stream the ceremony on Facebook.** We will remember by name all those who have died and had funeral services in the Benefice during last three years. Should you wish to add names to this list, please email office @oakhamteam.org.uk or ring 01572 724007 by October 30th. If you find it helpful, why not light a candle (safely!) at home in their memory, and say this prayer.

*God of love,  
Surround all those I love, especially those  
who I can no longer see.  
Be light in my darkness,  
be hope in my fear,  
be love in every moment,  
and give me grace to face each day ahead.  
Amen*

The Bereavement Support Team.

## Children's Society

It is with regret, that after eight years of organising the collections for the Children's Society, I have decided for health reasons to step down from this role. If anyone feels that they could coordinate the annual collections then please do get in touch with me. The collection this year has been disrupted because of Covid19 – if you

would like to support the important work that the Children's Society do then perhaps send a donation by cheque to The Children's Society, 50 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8ST. With many thanks for your support over the last eight years,  
Rita Butler (01572 720631)

## Church Walk

Dennis will lead the October walk starting from Gates Garden Centre at 10:30 on October 22nd. All are very welcome.

These strangest of times give us some challenges. We are permitted to walk in groups of 30 but for your safety we will have 3 leaders splitting into smaller groups. We will also take Track and Trace information. We are not allowed to book meals for more than six so will continue with picnic walks. If you wish to stay at Gates for a bite to eat or just a drink you must make your own arrangements. If you need a lift please contact us. The rules may change in the next 3 weeks so if you are able to let us know if you intend to join us please do so. So that we can contact you in the event of any changes  
Liz and Richard 01572 720506

## Church Family News

If you have any news which you would like to share with the church family through the pewsheets please phone the office 724007 or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk. The deadline each week for the pewsheet is Tuesday evening.

## A 7-DAY PRAYER GUIDE



### PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN HEALTHCARE WORKERS & COVID-19



1. **PRAY FOR TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS:** Pray that they step out each day in faith and not fear. Pray that they would call to mind God's sovereignty, steadfast love, and faithfulness and keep looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of their faith (Hebrews 12:2)



2. **PRAY FOR GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES:** Pray for them to be the fragrance of Christ in healthcare at this time of crisis, to shine like stars in the sky as they hold firmly to the word of life (Philippians 2:15). Pray for boldness to make the most of the many opportunities to share the hope and love of Christ with patients and colleagues



3. **PRAY FOR JOY:** Pray for the joy of the Lord to be their strength (Nehemiah 8:10), especially when surrounded by sickness, death, anxiety, pain and despair



4. **PRAY FOR STRENGTH:** Pray that they would depend on the equipping and empowering of the Lord each day for the strength they need in caring for the sick, and for them to remember that the Lord's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23)



5. **PRAY FOR WISDOM:** Pray for Godly wisdom that Christ would be honoured when making hard decisions about caring for patients and allocating resources (Proverbs 2:1-5)



6. **PRAY FOR COMFORT:** Pray for those who feel isolated, lonely, or separated from their loved ones especially after long shifts; for their mental health – that they would find comfort in God's Word, seek help when needed, and be supported and encouraged by fellow Christians (Psalm 119:9-16)



7. **PRAY FOR PEACE:** Pray that every day as they care for the sick in this time of crisis, they would know the peace of the Lord which transcends all understanding to fill their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7)

Join us each day at 7 pm to pray for those on the frontline [#COVID1900Prayer](#)

For more information about COVID-19 resources from CMF, visit [www.cmf.org.uk](http://www.cmf.org.uk)