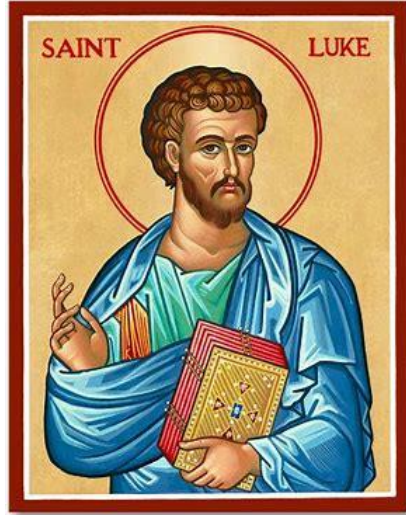


Weekly Pewsheet

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Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 2020



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From the Team Rector

Dear friends,

On 6th October the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse published the report of its first investigation of safeguarding in the Church of England and Church in Wales. The report exposes the Church's many failures to protect children, its culture of secrecy, its misuse of power and its poor response to victims.

In the Executive Summary it states: *"The culture of the Church of England facilitated it becoming a place where abusers could hide. Deference to the authority of the Church and to individual priests, taboos surrounding discussion of sexuality and an environment where alleged perpetrators were treated more supportively than victims presented barriers to disclosure that many victims could not overcome. Another aspect of the Church's culture was clericalism, which meant that the moral authority of clergy was widely perceived as beyond reproach."*

It is my firm belief that the recommendations of the report will be swiftly put into place, and that a new culture of transparency, accountability and pastoral care will emerge.

Safeguarding is part of the Church's calling to provide pastoral care. As an institution built on pastoral care, the Church should welcome anything that exposes its weaknesses and helps it excel in this area. High profile cases of abuse and cover ups have forced the Church's complacency into the open. But for every headline there are dozens more lower-profile but equally damaging cases of neglect, manipulation and cruelty.

There is still more work to do to embed a commitment to Safeguarding into everyday life. This is true not only for the Church but for society in general. From its earliest days Safeguarding was often dismissed as bureaucratic, top down, politically correct, and patronising. Many charities and voluntary organisations lost volunteers and helpers who were hurt and anxious about the need for background checks. Close knit communities felt that their natural ability for care and mutual support was being criticised as insufficient. Small organisations felt burdened by more administration. It has taken years for that resistance to soften, perhaps because of fear that more and more of our values and virtues are being monitored and controlled by increasingly centralised systems of government.

The Church needs not only to face the criticism brought by the IICSA enquiry, and implement its recommendations, but also to rediscover its vocation to pastoral care. The Christian understanding of pastoral care is that all people are made in the image of God; that the value of each life is the price that Jesus Christ was willing to pay for our redemption; that we are accountable to one another as brothers and sisters in one family; that we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves; that repentance and change are possible.

Please pray for those implementing the recommendations at a nation and diocesan level, and for us all to rediscover the duty and joy of pastoral care for those around

us. Should you have any need to discuss these issues please contact the safeguarding officers listed in the pewsheet or use the contact information below.

With love in Christ, Stephen

‘Safe Spaces’ is an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse. This independent service is run by the charity Victim Support and is free to access via telephone – 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times), email – safespaces@victimsupport.org, or web-chat via www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/.

You can contact the Diocese of Peterborough’s Safeguarding Advisor **Bev Huff** at The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Peterborough PE1 1YB. [01733 887040](tel:01733887040) (direct line). [01733 887027](tel:01733887027) (Sharon Welbourne, Safeguarding Assistant). bev.huff@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Other organisations offering support can also be found on the national Church of England website here: <https://bit.ly/2Gu5geB>



A favourite hymn and why...

chosen this week Jo Onslow, 'From heaven you came'

Jo says "The Servant King' has always been a particular favourite of mine. I find the words incredibly moving and also inspiring. Christ humbled himself so completely, bore his sorrow and went through all of that for us - what an inspiration these words are during our own times of sadness and when facing difficulties. I feel closer to him when singing these words, and worshipping him and trying to follow his example of service takes on greater significance."

The Servant King



1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3. Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Words: Graham Kendrick (b 1950)

Music: The Servant King, Graham Kendrick (b 1950)

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If you have a favourite hymn to share please send the title, and up to 200 words saying what makes it special, to Liz - ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk

10.30am Sunday Worship

Welcome

Preparation

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Psalm 96.9

God is Spirit: and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
John 4.24

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn sung by the Choir

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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 to the service of God.**

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Canticle

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: *
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins

and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit;

and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness.

In Jesus Christ you proclaim good news to the poor,
liberty to captives, sight to the blind
and freedom for the oppressed.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing life and health, wholeness and peace.

In the renewal of our lives

you make known your heavenly glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

¶ *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 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.**

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 word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus

- 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.

Luke 1.68-79

**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.**

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.

Organ Interlude

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God saying together

**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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession by Revd Simon Aley

Prayer of the Church St. Luke, Evangelist

O 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 Keith Thomas, Anna Coleman, Janet Higgins, Melville Youell, Annemie Smit and June Churchill. 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 [especially Patricia Anne Proudman, Nancy Seivewright, Philip Hutchinson] 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.**

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.**

Hymn Sung by the Choir

The Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Let us Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
In the Name of Christ Amen



HARVEST 2020
What we need for stock

- Tinned potatoes and Smash
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned meat pies
- Tins of custard
- Noodles
- Cereal Bars
- Crackers For Cheese
- Cup A Soups
- Crisps / Pringles
- Shampoo
- Deodorants (Men /Women)
- Handwash

What we don't need now

We are well stocked at present in the warehouse with the following:

- Baked beans
- Dry pasta
- Tinned Soup
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned Fish
- Toilet Rolls
- UHT Milk
- Coffee
- Tea

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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 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>.
- **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.
- A service using **The Book of Common Prayer** will resume on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at All Saints Oakham at 10am.

This Week

Tuesday 20 October - 8.30am Morning Prayer and 9am Holy Communion at All Saints Oakham

Wednesday 6pm Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel, All Saints Oakham

Thursday 22 October 8.30am Morning Prayer at 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

10.30am Holy Communion at Langham

News from the Team

Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you Lord Jesus Christ for those suffering in body, mind or spirit, amongst them: Keith Thomas, Anna Coleman, Janet Higgins, Melville Youell, Annemie Smit and June Churchill
Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to this list.

Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, and those bereaved, amongst them: Patricia Anne Proudman, Nancy Seivewright, Philip Hutchinson
Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to this list.

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 are 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 Covid 19 – 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

Planned Giving to Langham Church

On the recommendation of the Peterborough Diocese, Langham Church registered with the Parish Giving Scheme earlier this year. Over 20 people are now donating to Langham Church through this scheme, which has several advantages. The main advantage is that any gift aid is collected for us by the scheme, increasing your donation by 25%, and credited to our bank account the same month. As we are currently having difficulty claiming gift aid on other donations, due to a change in personnel and the coronavirus restrictions, this is especially welcome. Any administration costs are paid for by the Peterborough Diocese.

If you would like to donate to Langham Church through the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact me: Colin Fryday, 24 Haydock Avenue,

Barleythorpe, Oakham LE15 7JA; telephone: 01572 490768; email: colin_fryday@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively, you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme directly on 0333 002 1271. You will need to quote the Parish Giving Scheme code for Langham which is 280628363.

Colin Fryday Treasurer Langham PCC

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 pewsheets is Tuesday evening.

Keeping in Touch

I am usually at home at my desk Wednesdays 2pm-4pm and happy to take calls if you would like to share news and chat. Please feel free to call 869483. *Stephen*

Bereavement Support

If you would like ongoing support while the Bereavement Group is not meeting, please leave your name, phone number and email (if applicable) at one of the contacts below. We will endeavour to get in contact. Sian Cheverton (01572 755286); Madeleine Morris (07754 414437); Parish Office (01572 724007) or email bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk.