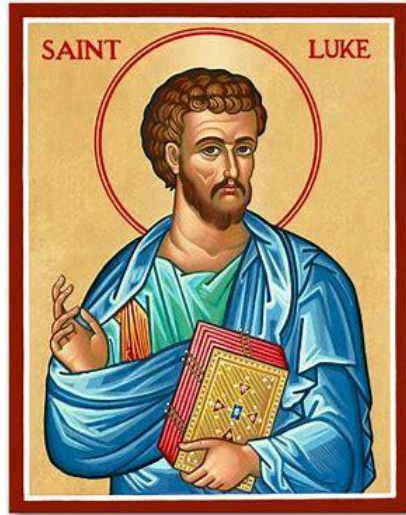


Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 2020



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From the Team Vicar

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, 18th October, we remember St Luke. It is St Luke's Day. From the time of the early church, Christians used to set aside certain days throughout the year to remember significant leaders and teachers of the Christian faith and they became known as "saints.". In some Christian traditions people have different saints that they pray to in different circumstances. On the internet, you can find a saint for just about every situation. To this day, a "saint" is thought of as one of those really good Christians from the past who perhaps have special powers to help us through our problems. It's no wonder that we resist the idea of being called a "saint." But as I read the Bible, we can all be saints.

I remember before my ordination going into the parish in which I was to serve as curate and seeing that in a month or so the local branch of the Mothers' Union was to be addressed by "Rev Chris Rattenberry" Who was he, I wondered? If getting used to being "Rev Chris" was hard, how about being "Saint Christopher"! No. The Apostle Peter or the Apostle Paul – those men are saints. But me? Oh no. I'm definitely not a saint."

It isn't a title that we claim for ourselves and yet we are called "saints". The word "saint" appears in the Bible over 60 times, and every single time it is used, it doesn't refer to only the special, important people. Every single time, it refers to those who are Christians. Ordinary Christians. Like you and like me. I read somewhere, "Throughout history God has demonstrated that he is in the business of taking ordinary things and turning them into holy things. God takes ordinary things like bread, wine, nails, boards, and stables and turns them into something holy and likewise, God takes ordinary people and turns them into holy people."

We can learn from the saints, St Luke included. God loves us and has a purpose for each of us in bringing about the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Even if it seems that our part isn't very big it is the part that God has chosen for us.

We thank God for the saints in heaven. We remember their shortcomings but also the example of faithfulness that they left behind for us. But we must also know that there are still saints on earth, those who are here today and believe in Christ today. On St Luke's Day we can give thanks to God that he has made us and we can recommit ourselves to His service.

Chris

Upcoming services in the southern villages

October

Sunday 18th

8.00am Brooke (Holy Communion)

9.15am Egleton (Holy Communion)

Sunday 25th

9.15am Hambleton (Holy Communion)

4.00pm Braunston (Memories service)

November

Sunday 1st

9.15am Egleton (Holy Communion)

3.00pm Brooke (Evensong)

Sunday 8th

9.15am Hambleton

10.55am Braunston (Remembrance services)

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



Harvest 2020 Please Support the Rutland Foodbank

Thank You



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

Holy Communion

Hymn



1. Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
 on his great love
 our hopes we place
 of present grace
 and joys above.

2. O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
 and thus proclaim
 in joyful song
 both loud and long
 that glorious name.

3. Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh:
 in copious shower
 on all who pray,
 each holy day
 thy blessings pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 are called away.

*Words: based on *Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est*, (Latin, before 9th century), tr John Chandler (1806-1876)
Music: Harewood, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
(Ancient & Modern – 608)*

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.**

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.

Old Testament 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.

Gospel Reading – *Luke 10.1-9*

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn*



1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Word: John L Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)

Music: Kelvingrove, trad Scottish melody, arr Christopher Tambling
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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 emphasize 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 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.**

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 ps@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 in November on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at All Saints Oakham at 10am, all are welcome

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

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 ps@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 ps@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.

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 pewsheet please phone the office 724007 or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk. The deadline each week for the pewsheet is Tuesday evening.

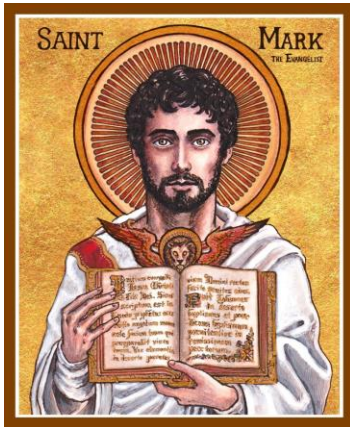
Keeping in Touch

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.

**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 2021**



Introduction Mark's Gospel is a cracking read in one sitting and to start off we plan to 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. To make this work each week we all need to read the relevant part of Mark and the notes I have prepared for each session. The notes will be available on email

As you can see, St Mark is traditionally depicted holding the Bible – as a book not a scroll (!) no doubt open at his Gospel! Who was Mark? We will probably never know but we do know that this the shortest of the 4 Gospels in the New Testament and almost certainly the oldest, being used as source material for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Marks Gospel seeks to answer 2 questions. Try and think what they might be ready for session 1? This study addresses the first of these questions. It was written in Greek but probably by someone for whom Greek was not their first language and Greek scholars suggest it is pretty rough, colloquial Greek with lots of mistakes and the earliest manuscript fragments suggest it was all written in capital letters. It was probably written for an audience in Rome around 65AD. It is a Gospel, not a history. You might like to think what difference that makes to your reading of Mark with many accounts found in other Gospels missed out completely in Mark?

If you want to join in the read through of Mark (you can watch it live or recorded on Facebook) and/or all or some of the sessions from wherever you will be (with WIFI or telephone access of course!) please email me at simon@oakhamteam.org.uk

Rev'd. Simon Aley, Assistant Curate, Oakham Team Ministry

