

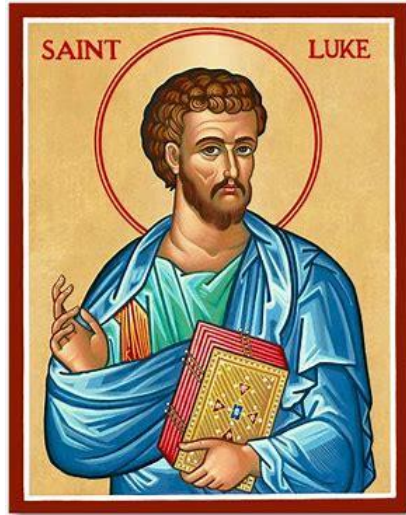
# Weekly Pewsheet

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## Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 2020

St Andrew Whissendine



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Dear Friends,

## From the Team Vicar

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**



## 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)*

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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](mailto:ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk)

# Sunday Worship-Holy Communion

## The Gathering

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Preparation

## Prayers of Penitence

## The Beatitudes

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Silence for Reflection**

### **Confession**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins  
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith  
turn to him:  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Canticle of Praise**

**Glorify the Lord with me; exalt his name, for great is he!  
I'll praise the Lord for ever and ever.  
I'll praise the Lord for ever and ever,  
my soul shall boast of his wonderful name:  
I sought the Lord, he answered my calling,  
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**delivered me from my innermost fears:  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,  
secure are they who take refuge in him:  
The Lord redeems the faithful who serve him,  
and those who trust him he never condemns.**

**Glorify the Lord with me; exalt his name, for great is he!  
I'll praise the Lord for ever and ever. 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 Word of God**

#### **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.**

#### **Gospel Reading – Luke 10.1-9**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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.**

## Reflection

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with [N and] all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**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 it is 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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion for Luke the Evangelist

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

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

A God our creator,  
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:  
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,  
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,  
that the world may praise you for your goodness;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you this day,  
with all those you love,  
and remain with you always, **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. 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 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 ... 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.

### 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

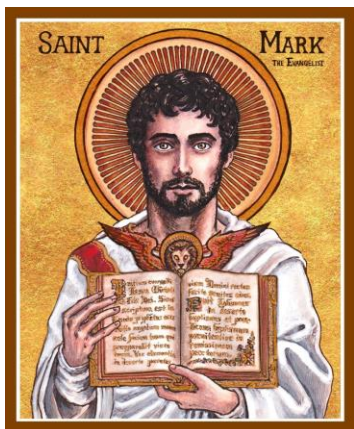
## **Church Family News**

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](mailto: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*

**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](mailto:simon@oakhamteam.org.uk)

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



## 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)