



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

**Sunday 18th October 2020
Luke the Evangelist**

Today in our service we remember the Evangelist St Luke whose commemoration falls on the 18th October. Luke, whose name means "bringer of light", is best known as the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. It is thought by some that he might have been a Greek-speaking Gentile and an early convert from paganism and is believed to have been a medical doctor from Antioch in Syria.

Luke was not an apostle, and he never met Jesus in person, but he accompanied Paul to Macedonia on many of his missionary journeys and was also with him in prison in Rome. His description of these events, given in the book of Acts, is first hand. According to St. Jerome, Luke died in Greece aged 84, and the church venerates him as a martyr.

Luke's Gospel emphasises mercy and Christ as the Saviour of all people, especially of the lowly and the repentant sinner. Because he was a doctor, he also provides a degree of insight into the health issues which affected Jesus and those who he came into contact with, as well as details of Jesus' childhood. He is the patron saint of artists: bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, glassworkers, goldsmiths, lacemakers, notaries, painters, physicians, sculptors, stained glass workers and surgeons. He is often represented as a winged ox. Luke was an evangelist and so shared the Good News of Jesus Christ and his power to bring healing and wholeness. The church has always had a deep concern for the care and health of others and today we are encouraged to be evangelists, bearers of Good News to our world today.

In our service today we hear brief reflections from four doctors who are members of our congregation. They, like St Luke, use their God-given skills and knowledge to bring comfort to others. They reflect on their experience of encountering God in the midst of their challenging daily work and point to acts of kindness, change and healing that they witness day by day. Their reflections remind us, that we too are called, like the first disciples that we hear about in our gospel reading, to go out into every town and place and share in the mission of Jesus Christ in faithful simplicity. Jesus reminds the seventy disciples that he sends out in pairs that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. There is an urgency on their mission as they share in God's peace and kingdom hope. We too are invited to participate in this harvest of healing and transforming as we share in God's mission of love to the whole world in our daily lives and work.

Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17

Luke 10:1-9

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."



St. Luke the Evangelist Prayer

Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our new parish to follow Your way and plan for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

NOTICES

9:30am SUNDAY SERVICE – below is the link to our live streamed service

<http://bit.ly/LuketheEvangelist18Oct>

EVENING PRAYER – is held in church every Sunday from 4:30pm

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – is every Sunday at 5pm via Zoom using code

<https://zoom.us/j/499784569?pwd=MWR5SC9JR0J6dVVkNFVGVWZyNFVvZz09>

ALL SOULS SERVICE – we are holding our All Souls service on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 4:30pm. Seating is limited, please let us know if you would like a place. We will confirm if you have a space nearer the time. Could you also please let us know the name of a loved one whose name you would like to be read out during the service. A candle is will be lit for them. The service will be live streamed so you can watch from home using this link <http://bit.ly/All-SoulsService>

COFFEE AND CHAT – will meet via Zoom at 11:15am, please come along and join us. The Zoom code is 827 3638 8986, or you can click on this link [coffee and chat](#)

NOTICE FOR CHURCH FROM 1st BRUNTON PARK GUIDES - This notice is for the attention of those of you who attended our Burns Night Supper event to support us in our fundraising towards our Switzerland International Guide Unit trip.

Sadly, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, our trip did not take place and we have a duty to return fundraised money if requested. After costs for the event, we are able to offer a £4.93 refund per ticket sold, however, if you would prefer to leave this as a donation towards supporting the re-planned trip we'd be very grateful.

Please get in touch with Penny Maddock, 1st Brunton Park Guide Leader via phone on 07957 160657 to request a refund by the end of October 2020.

For Our Prayers...

We give thanks for our church family here at St Aidan's and pray for our Team Parish - for God's upholding in all that lies ahead.

We pray for God's world – in times of upheaval and conflict we pray for peace- for resolutions to tensions between nations and peoples, for all caught up in tragedy, disaster and despair.

In our St Aidan's cycle of prayer we pray for Churches in our Deanery: Gosforth Parishes.

Within our church we pray for our DCC members and officers. Within the wider community we pray for Snakes & Ladders Playgroup, Brunton Babies, Nursery & Toddler Groups.

We remember in our prayers Richard Page, Don Wright, Joyce Richardson and Bertha Jamieson along with all others who are unwell at home or in hospital.

We pray for those who have died in recent days remembering especially Janet Whitworth and pray for John and her family.

We remember with thanksgiving and joy our loved ones who are now with Our Father in the heavenly kingdom – Stanley Scott, Mariah Wright, Michael Nash, Gordon Bennett, Frank Everitt, Andrew Quinn

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