

# Pew News 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Luke the Evangelist

Dear friends,

What comforting words we have from Isaiah this Sunday, especially to all of you with arthritic knees and hips

3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

On October 11<sup>th</sup> the church celebrates Saint Luke. This year it falls on a Sunday. Tradition says that Luke was a physician and we know he travelled around with Paul. Primarily he was an evangelist, it was St Luke who wrote Luke's gospel and the Acts of the apostles. He begins his gospel by saying that many people have tried to write down the events surrounding Jesus, he too after investigating everything carefully from the very first has decided to set down an orderly account of everything. Luke's gospel is full of stories that deal with family life and human frailty and goodness. Luke also inspires us to bring healing to those who suffer violence and injustice. The connection between the gospel and health is a profound one. Wholeness, restoration of communities as well as families is important.

Evangelists are primarily bringers of peace to communities. When Jesus sent out the 70 he gave them these instructions.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

The word peace here comes from the Hebrew shalom. It has a greater depth to it than the word peace-, freedom from noise and war. Its meaning is more to do with wholeness and healing. It is why Jesus marries it with the instruction to cure the sick. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus bring healing to people and to communities and we should be doing the same.

As we celebrate Luke the physician this Sunday it will be a good opportunity for us to give thanks for all our health workers and to say thank you to them and to ask God to give them strength over the coming months

In the words of Isaiah may God

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and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Amen.

## **Collect**

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.

## **Readings**

### **Isaiah 35.3–6**

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> 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.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> 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;

### **Acts 16.6–12a**

<sup>6</sup> They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; <sup>8</sup> so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

### **Luke 10.1–9**

**10** After this 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

# Services This Week

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** Luke/Trinity 19  
*Acts 16.6-12/Luke 10.1-9*  
10.30am Family communion - Milborne Port  
6pm. Holy Communion - Charlton Horethorne

## Services Next week

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** Bible Sunday  
*Nehemiah 8 1-12/Matthew 24.30-35*  
10.30am Holy communion - Milborne Port  
3pm Evensong - Goathill

Diary date:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2pm Zaff Committee meeting



## **Remember Remember Your Church in November**

This has been a difficult year financially for so many charities including our church. Sadly, the Corona Virus Pandemic has impacted upon every facet of our lives. Due to the restrictions we have not been able to fund raise in the same way so there has been no income from events such as the fete and quiz nights, safari suppers or opera teas. Planned concerts were cancelled. Nearly all the weddings this year have been postponed so we haven't received the small income we are allowed to keep from fees and because we were not allowed to gather in church for services during 4 months of lockdown, the amount we receive in loose collections has decreased considerably. On top of this we have had to pay out £11,000 for essential stone work repairs. The recent rain has reminded us that the roof still leaks.

November is a time to love your church building. We will be running a campaign called **Remember Remember your church in November** with an opportunity to give a gift.



## Looking ahead to Remembrance Sunday

In order to keep everyone safe and to comply with Government restrictions, the annual act of Remembrance on in the Benefice as with everywhere else in the country will need to be held differently this year.

Sadly we cannot safely accommodate the numbers who would usually like to attend a Remembrance Sunday Service.

This year there will be 3 opportunities to pay your respects.

1. If you are at all vulnerable or feel unwell on the day please can I encourage you to watch the national service of remembrance from the Cenotaph on the BBC at 11am and pay your respects in the comfort of your home or stand on your doorstep at 11am and observe the 2 minute silence.
2. There will be a **small** gathering at the war memorial in Milborne Port in the church yard of St Johns beginning at 10.50am. We will read the names of the fallen from our villages, keep the 2 minute silence and the poppy wreathes will be laid. The service will last 20 minutes. Please bring an umbrella and remember to keep a social distance of 2 metres.
3. A said evensong will be held in Charlton Horethorne Church at 6pm. As part of the evensong, the names of Charlton Horethorne fallen will be read. Numbers are restricted to 30 to allow for social distancing. Please leave this service for people from Charlton Horethorne.

In addition there will be a short communion service at 9am in Milborne Port. This is for the regular congregation so that they can attend church on Sunday