

# St John's, Pevensey Road

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## Pews News for Sunday 18th October: Luke the Evangelist

### **People for whom our prayers are asked:**

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Shane, Clive, Henry, Marylyn,  
Fr Ken, Fr John, Alberta, Wendy, Tracey, Marion, and Jackie.

### **Please pray also for...**

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially  
Mike Heasman

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time,  
especially Don Tidey, Betty Harvey and Derek Bramwell,

...and all who mourn.

Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - to those in Church in person, and also those following the service on screen at home.

### ***This week:***

**Morning Prayer:** weekday mornings in the main church at 9 a.m.

**The church is open for private prayer** weekday mornings 9:30 - 12:30.

**“Zoom” service:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will let you know how to join in.

**Midweek Mass:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday, in the Chancel.

As shown above, the **Wednesday Mass** will recommence at 10 a.m. this Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>) in the Chancel. Fr David says: *there will be a break on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and then it will be weekly thereafter except where cover is unavailable. The Zoom service will continue in its current form and at the same time, but we would appreciate feedback about how we could move forward with both services.*

### **Feedback from last Sunday’s Annual Church Meetings**

Thanks to everyone involved in the APCM and Annual Meeting of Parishioners last Sunday. It was good to think back to 2019 and all the good things that happened.

Mike C and Barbara F were duly elected to continue as our Churchwardens and Alison D and Jenny B were elected to join the PCC. May I express my sincere gratitude to all who serve St John’s in this way. It is a real privilege to have you on board.

Thanks are due too to those who prepared all of the reports. We hope and pray that our annual meetings in 2021 will be able to take place in less straightened circumstances.

The first meeting of the new PCC will be tomorrow evening, Monday 19th October, by Zoom. *Fr David*

### **Prayer list**

If you have any updates about friends or loved ones on the St John’s prayer list - or additions, of course - please let one of the pastoral/clergy team, and/or the PN editor, know, so we can keep the Prayer List up-to-date. Contact details are on the back of this pewsheet.

Thank you



### **Covid-19 housekeeping**

If you have a smartphone you may have downloaded the government’s Test and Trace app, allowing you to “check in” to a venue by scanning a “QR code”. We now have QR code signs for St Johns, displayed as you come in. Just open the app, select “venue check in”, and then hold your phone up to the QR code on the poster.

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## Hymn of the Week *chosen by Clare C*

Clare says - *The hymn I have chosen is 'Be Thou my Vision', an uplifting hymn through which we express our desire to see God clearly and walk with him. The words are brought to us by two women who were specialists in ancient Irish writings. In 1905 Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated an 8th century Irish poem into English. Soon afterwards,*

*Eleanor Hull came across the translation and converted the prose into verse. The poem became the hymn we sing when it was set to an old Irish folk tune (Slane) and published in 1912. Another beautiful hymn, 'Lord of All Hopefulness', is also set to this very moving music.*

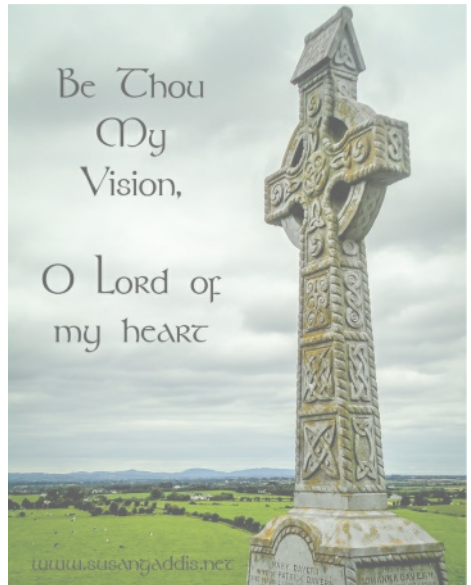
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;  
be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.



Look out for the **Poppy Appeal** again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic. One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount." And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

**White poppies** to remember all victims of all wars will be available at the back of church in exchange for a donation to the Peace Pledge Union. *FM*

## Mass for Luke the Evangelist

### The Greeting

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

**All Amen.**

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

### Prayer of Confession

The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly  
kingdom for ever.  
As we celebrate their joy,  
let us bring to the Lord our sins  
and weaknesses,  
and ask for his mercy.

**All Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

### *The priest says the Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### *The Gloria in Excelsis is said:*

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### The Collect

Let us pray:

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.

**All Amen.**

## A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 35.3-6*

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.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy

*2 Timothy 4.5-17*

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.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

***Be Thou my Vision (sung as a solo)***

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,  
for all that I have heard from my Father  
I have made known to you.

**All Alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

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

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for our Bishops, Martin, Will and Ruth, for all Christian leaders, and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us.

**All Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear us.

**All Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for our community; for those who live and work here, and for those who visit this place. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us.

**All Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who do not believe, and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ. Hear us.

**All Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, especially ... May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need. Hear us.

**All Hear us, good Lord.**

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ... and we rejoice with [*N and*] all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Lord of life,

**All hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Peace is introduced**

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have  
this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human  
hands.  
It will become for us the cup of  
salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of  
your majesty  
for you have given us a share with Luke  
the Evangelist  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
In the darkness of this passing age  
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.  
Chosen as lights in the world,  
they surround our steps as we journey on  
towards the city of eternal light  
where they sing the everlasting song of  
triumph.

In communion with angels and  
archangels  
and all who have served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was  
betrayed,  
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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Luke the Evangelist, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.

**All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei is said:**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, Have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Grant us peace**

### **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.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received*

**Music during Communion:**  
*'Prayer'* (L. Lefebure-Wely)

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.  
**Amen.**

*All* **Father of all,**  
**we give you thanks and praise,**  
**that when we were still far off,**  
**you met us in your Son**  
**and brought us home.**  
**Dying and living,**  
**he declared your love,**  
**gave us grace,**  
**and opened the gate of glory.**  
**May we who share Christ's body**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we who drink his cup**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we whom the Spirit lights**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have**  
**set before us, so we and all your**  
**children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise**  
**your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And also with you**

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Concluding voluntary:**  
*'Offertory'* (L. Lefebure-Wely)

And I tell you, ask,  
and it will be given  
to you; seek, and  
you will find; knock,  
and it will be  
opened to you

Luke 11:9



## Thank you, Dr Luke!

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' – my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. Today Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' – an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise – indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

*David Winter*



Anne & Jim say we are now in a position to collect items for the local Food Bank again. Items urgently required at the moment are: •Tins of: meat, vegetables, spaghetti, potatoes, rice pudding, fish, custard, and fruit. •Boxes of 40 or 80 teabags, and • cartons of UHT milk. [NB: they currently have plenty of baked beans]. Thank you...

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