



This Week's Readings and Notices at St. Luke, Lowton

Sunday 23rd August 2026

The 12th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 1:8-22, 2.10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews^[a] you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Exodus 2.10

¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,^[1] 'because', she said, 'I drew him out^[b] of the water.'

Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,^[c] the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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HOME WITH YOU.**



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Your son our Lord who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

All mercy, in this Eucharist You have set aside our sins and given us Your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 26th August 10 a.m. Morning Worship,
led by Caroline.

Sunday 30th August 10 a.m. Morning Worship,
led by Maurice.

CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are always needed! Please contact the warden or a member of the PCC to find out how you can help.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 25th September 7.30 p.m. Harvest Supper at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Road, Lowton

Join us for this friendly, inclusive Community Event. There will be a hot meal, a pudding and fellowship. tickets are just £8.00 Tickets are available from St. Luke's Church, Church Lane, Lowton, or by ringing 01942 720947. Everyone is very welcome.

Friday 16th October 7.30 p.m. LGN Concert

The Ladies of the LGN Community Choir and Ukulele are entertaining us with an Autumn Serenade taking place here at St. Luke's Church.

An evening of light entertainment to suit everyone. **Individual adult ticket: £7.00**

Tea and coffee will be available at the interval.

If you need to reserve tickets contact: 01942 720947.

Saturday 17th October 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Luke's Heritage Weekend

Join is for our popular weekend of local history. Details to follow.

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lowtongolbornechurches@outlook.com

DO YOU WANT TO BOOK A BAPTISM OR WEDDING?

Our vestry evening is on a Tuesday between 7 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Please access church by the side door on Slag Lane.

E-mail us:

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HARVEST FESTIVAL 27TH SEPTEMBER

Bring your Harvest food donations to our All Age Worship "Harvest Festival" service on Sunday 27 September 10 a.m. All donations are sent to the food bank. Thank you.

