



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

Sunday 13th September 2026

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50: 15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Jesus answered them, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea", it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.'

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not

believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[e] went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that Your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in You, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord your Church, with Your perpetual mercy; and, because without You our human frailty cannot but fail, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 16th September 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Fr. Ian Wynne.

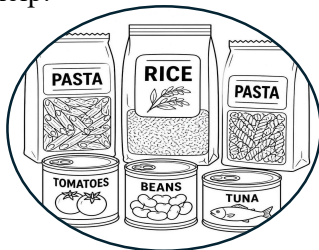
Sunday 20th September 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Revd. Dave Hamlett.

CHURCH FLOWERS

There is a flower jar at the back of church for donations towards church displays. Contact Verna or Olwen if you wish to donate flowers in memory of loved ones. We would particularly welcome flowers for the Harvest Festival on the 27th September. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Join us for our All-Age Worship Harvest Festival service at 10 a.m. Please bring harvest food donations with you on the day; these will be sent to the food bank; tinned and dry goods only. Thank you for your support.

E-mail us:

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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 25th September 7 p.m. Harvest Supper at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Road, Lowton

Celebrate Harvest with St. Luke's Church.

Refreshments included in the ticket price: **Meat or vegetarian hot pot, a dessert and tea and coffee.**

Individual adult ticket: £8.00 – Children tickets: £4.00.

- Free entry to raffle with your ticket.
- Quiz, raffle and prizes. Please bring spare change with you.
- Bring your own beverages and glasses if you wish.

If you need to reserve tickets please contact us on: **01942 720947**

Tickets also available in Lowton St. Luke's church at 11 a.m., following the Sunday service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Friday 16th October 7.30 p.m. Autumn Serenade

Presented by the Ladies of the Lowton and Golborne Community Choir, and the Ukulele Group.

Get off your seats and boogie to Abba, listen to beautiful classic pieces from accompanist Shade Black. Something for everyone!

Tickets are available from St. Luke's Church, Church Lane, Lowton, or by ringing 01942 720947, or on the door. Join us for a wonderful evening of music and fun. Everyone is very welcome. Tea and coffee will be served at the interval.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME WITH YOU.