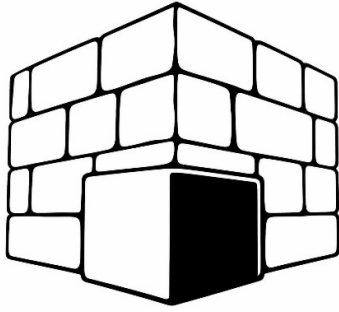




**This Week's Readings and  
Notices at St. Luke, Lowton**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Philippians 3.4b-14**

<sup>4</sup> .. even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,<sup>[e]</sup> the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved,<sup>[h]</sup> I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly<sup>[i]</sup> call of God in Christ Jesus.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET  
HOME WITH YOU.**

**Matthew 21.33-46**

<sup>33</sup> ‘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. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup> They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’<sup>[h]</sup>

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us Your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of Your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank You, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive You, here the memory of Your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where You reign with all Your Saints forever. Amen.

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. Morning Worship, led by Caroline.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. Morning Worship, led by Maurice.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

There is a jar at the back of church for donations towards flowers for church displays. Please contact Verna or Olwen if you would like to donate money or flowers in memory of a loved one. A photo of the flowers and a dedication will also be posted on our Facebook page if requested..

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Lowton St. Luke's Mother's Union Open Evening

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. in church.

Join us for an evening of music and more from Yvonne and Matt: "Banjo and Beyond". All are very welcome to come to this wonderful evening. Be prepared to singalong!

Tickets are £3 including tea and biscuits. Pay at the door.

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St. Luke's Celebration Weekend

**17<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Heritage Day** in association with Wigan and Leigh Archives and St. Luke's School. Come and stir some memories with archive documents and photos.

**Help!** We need volunteers to tidy up church after the Heritage Day in readiness for the Sunday Service. Please see Kath P.

**18<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. St. Luke's Day.** A very special service with the Bishop of Liverpool, followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

### Forget Me Not Friends Christmas Party

**5<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 a.m.**

Join us for a three-course traditional Christmas Dinner at Broadmead Day Centre. There is also a vegetarian option. The cost is just £10.00. We can promise you good company and some entertainment! Places are limited, so don't delay. All bookings must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Contact Ann on 01942 711489.

### SAVE THE DATE!

An Evening of Conversation and Prayer at St. Luke on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.30- 9 p.m. An opportunity to come together to discuss the future of the larger single parish, the Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd, which includes St. Luke and St. Mary. We shall also spend time together in prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us

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