



Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

COLLECT

Oh God, we beseech You mercifully to hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, You have taught us through Your son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love You with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Sunday 20th September 2026

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 20 1:16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,¹ he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 23rd September 10 a.m. Morning Worship, led by Caroline.

Sunday 27th September 10 a.m. All-Age Harvest Festival.

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". Everyone is very welcome to come to this wonderful evening. Be prepared to singalong! Tickets are £3 including tea and biscuits. Pay at the door.

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 especially would like flowers for the Harvest service on the 27th September. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Refreshments are 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, which includes free entry to the raffle.

There will be a 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

Saturday 26th September 10 a.m.

Forget Me Not Friends at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Road, Lowton. Come and join us for a cuppa and a snack. This month popular Analise will have us all singing along with her. Don't miss it!

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HOME WITH YOU.**

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.

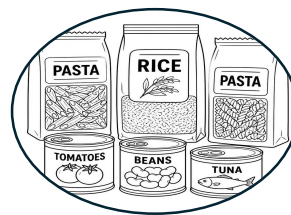
Saturday 17th October 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Luke's Heritage Weekend

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

SAVE THE DATE!

An Evening of Conversation and Prayer at St. Luke on Monday 19th 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.



NEXT SUNDAY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 27th September, 10 a.m.

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

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