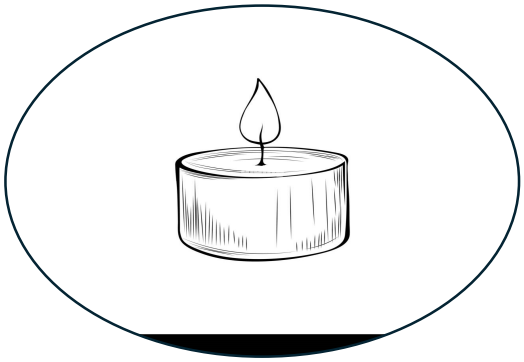


Revelation 7.9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great
multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on
the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, 12 singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honou and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
'Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the
one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of
God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more,
and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the
centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he
will guide them to springs of the water of life and
God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

Sunday 1st November 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

All Souls' Day

Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught
them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against
you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of Your holy word we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, Your son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His Kingdom: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns: now and forever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 4th November 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Revd. Graham. Hymns 413 and 692.

Sunday 8th November 10 a.m. Morning Worship, led by Maurice, followed by a Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in the churchyard.

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

Forget Me Not Friends Christmas Lunch

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE

12th December 12.50 p.m.

Join us for a three-course traditional Christmas Dinner at the Hare and Hounds 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 15th November. Contact Ann on 01942 711489 or speak to Maurice.

Lowton St. Luke's Children's Society Charity News

Please can you return your **Children Society house boxes** to Church for the official count. If you feel you would like to donate any spare change for this important charity, please pick up a Children Society House box from the Church porch.

Events

A reminder of the **Sunday 29th November** community event - '**Lowton Light Switch On'**. The church will be open to welcome in the community, and soak in the atmosphere as we welcome in the Christian season of Advent. This will complement the activity and hospitality on offer at the Rams Head pub.

The church will offer festive music, refreshments, raffle, tombola, face painting, items for sale including jigsaws and craft activities. Thank you everybody from the Church family and local community who is working hard behind the scenes on this.

We continue to request prizes for the **'Light Switch On'** tombola and raffle.

Help is required to run the event on **Sunday 29th** serving tea and coffee – making cakes to sell, welcoming visitors. Please let me know how you could help, and please add your name to a list found at the back of church headed – **Light Switch on A team** .

Our events raise the visibility, importance and role of our church in its local community, but also can contribute to raise money to contribute towards its maintenance and mission. Monies raised is shared on the Church Fundraising information board.

Saturday 21st November 10-11 a.m. we will have a visit from **Cindy Kelly, Co-op Member Activator Wigan and Bolton**. Cindy will bring along mince pies (including gluten free), tea and coffee to share over a catch up, to discuss all the benefits that the Co-op can offer to its members. The Co-op is kindly donating items to fill a hamper for our Light Switch on event, and will provide the oranges for our **Children's Society Christingle service** in **January 2027**.

Christmas cards are on sale in Church featuring a photograph of **St. Luke's Church in the snow** taken by **Geoff Maines** - £5 for a pack of 5.

Lorraine N – Fundraising team member

St. Luke's is a family, welcoming everyone to share the love of Jesus