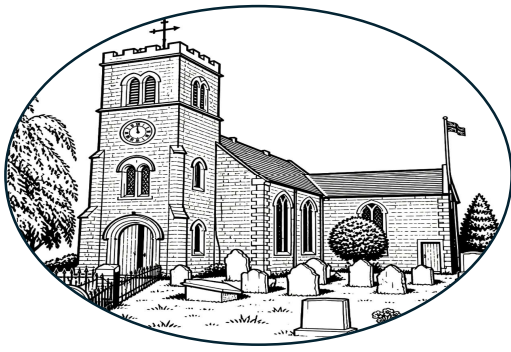




This Week's Readings and Notices at St. Luke, Lowton

Sunday 25th October 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[f] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[g] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[h] ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so 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 for ever. Amen.

Matthew 22.34-45

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit^[d] calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 28th October 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Father Michael.

Sunday 1st November 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Father Ian.

3 p.m. All Souls Service, led by Father Michael

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

All Souls Service 1st November 3 p.m.

A warm invitation to a special service of reflection and prayer to remember those whom you love, but see no longer. There is a sheet at the back of church for you to add names for those you wish to be read out. Please attend church if you do this.

Forget Me Not Friends Christmas Lunch

5th 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 31st October. Contact Ann on 01942 711489 or speak to Maurice.

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 require LOTS of great prizes for the '**Light Switch On**' tombola– donations WELCOME NOW – Donation TARGET - 200 prizes required!

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.

Fundraising Information Update

The Ladies of the **LGN Community Choir and Ukulele** entertained us with an Autumn Serenade on **Friday 16th October**. It was an excellent evening with over 100 guests visiting church – overall we raised **£767.10**.

Heritage Day, 17th October– recognising and celebrating Lowton St. Luke's Church and School being in the heart of the community since the 1700's. A great community event sharing memories face to face, reflecting over archive documents, personal scrap books and fabulous cakes. We plan to make this an annual event the next to be held on **National Heritage Day 10-19 September 2027**. As a bonus our Heritage Day raised **£420.78**.

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

Lowton St. Luke's Children's Society 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.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET

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