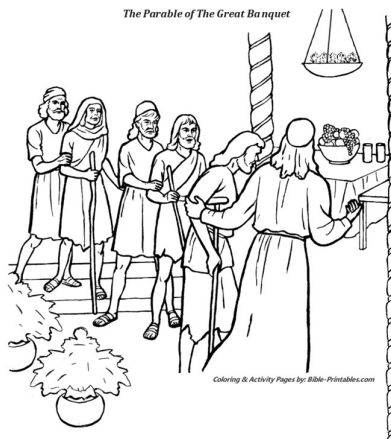




This Week's Readings and Notices at St. Luke, Lowton

Sunday 11th October 2026

The 19th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 4.1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice^[c] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[d] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved,^[e] whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Matthew 22.1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Collect

Oh God, for as much as without You we are not able to please You; Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Holy and blessed God, You have fed us with the body and blood of Your son and filled us with Your Holy Spirit: may we honour You, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 14th October 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, led by Father Michael.

Sunday 18th October 10 a.m. A special service of Holy Communion for St. Luke's Day, led by Bishop Ruth.

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 sing along!

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



All our events and services are listed on A Church Near You and our Facebook page.

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.

St. Luke's Celebration Weekend

17th 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.

18th 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

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.

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

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