

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



18th October

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

We are worshipping together
on **Sundays at 10am and Thursdays at
10.30am for Services of
Holy Communion**

Based on government guidelines, we have put various measures in place to keep everyone safe. Please help us by following the instructions and wearing a face mask.

The Parish Office is now open on
Wednesdays 9-11am.
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Please be mindful of the latest covid rules as you leave the service. Kindly do not gather in groups of more than six or mingle between groups.

Healing God, bless those
on a journey of recovery
from illness or surgery.
Grant strength, patience,
and freedom from pain.
Bring restoration of health
through your Spirit's power.
Reach out and touch them
so they know you are there,
bringing comfort and light
even in the darkest of times.

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Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John's there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsmouth>

Click here to find links to online services broadcast by churches on the island.

<https://collectivespirit.online/whats-on>

Acts 16.6–12a

⁶ Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony

Luke 10.1–9

¹ The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will

rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.””

The other readings for today are **2 Timothy 4:5-17** and **Psalms 147:1-7**

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 for ever.

trust in
the
Lord
with all your
♥

Proverbs 3:5

Thought for the Day

By Rev Sue

Today is the day when we remember St Luke. We know him as the author of the 3rd Gospel and book of Acts and it is believed that he was a doctor and companion of St Paul.

Luke's gospel is an 'orderly account' of the life of Jesus, something we can read on an intellectual level. But it is also a history of salvation, a document of faith. It identifies Jesus as part of God's plan to 'save' everyone, to bring them back into the relationship with God for which they were created. So Luke is someone who attended, not just to the physical but to the intellectual and spiritual needs of the people around him.

We are all made up of body, mind and spirit and the world is increasingly aware of how interconnected those three things are. Healthcare professionals now know that our well-being is affected by our spirituality and that they have to consider more than their patient's physical symptoms and needs. They have to treat the 'whole person'.

One definition of spirituality is how we make sense of the world, and our place in it. Where we find purpose and meaning and hope. But it can also be described as seeking a meaningful connection with something bigger than ourselves.

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For when we have worked out how we relate to that something bigger, that higher power we call God, and that everyone is loved for who they are with all their imperfections and differences, it gives us a sense of connectedness and wholeness.

When we know that we do not have to carry all the burdens and face all the challenges that come our way in our own strength, we can find that we are better able to bear them. And, when we realise that there is a bigger picture, which has yet to unfold for us, we can begin to have that sense of peace and hope which as St Paul says 'passes all understanding'

When we talk about healing in the context of our Christian faith, we are not, just talking about a cure for our physical or mental health, but a 'wholeness', which finds us able to understand things through our relationship with God.

So as we celebrate the life and work of St Luke, let us give thanks for his attention to all three parts of our human 'being' – body mind and spirit – and take some time to consider what that 'wholeness' looks like in our own lives, as those who believe that we are reconciled with God, through Christ.

Notices:

The QR code for the government test & trace app is displayed by the door. We are also taking details of each visitor which will be kept securely for 3 weeks as part of the Test & Trace strategy.

Pumpkin Trail – Saturday 31st Oct

We have heard that instead of 'Trick or Treating' some parents are planning a halloween walk around their local area, spotting pumpkins or pictures of pumpkins. We would like to join in with this by placing pumpkins carved with Christian symbols or happy faces around the outside of the church. If you would like to carve a pumpkin and bring it to up to the church on Thursday 29th from 9.30am to 1pm or to the vicarage on Friday 30th at any time we will set them up on Saturday evening in the church grounds.

Following the 2020 hours of **prayer for Ryde** the team have decided to continue to pray together via Zoom for 15 minutes on Mondays at 7pm and also the 4th Sunday each month (when the united service would have been taking place). The link if you would like to join us occasionally or regularly is: <https://zoom.us/j/96569728174?pwd=eVBXckx5RE1pU0I3Y3FnWXBwZGRidz09>

APCM: Our Annual Meetings will be held after the service on Sunday 25th October to elect Church wardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod reps and to give an account of the finances and work of the PCC for 2019. Nomination forms are available in church so please consider and pray about whether you would be willing and able to fulfil any of these important roles.

If you know of someone who would like us to pray for them by name during our Sunday service, email rev.sue.stjohnsryde@gmail.com or speak to Alex Bruce on a Sunday morning and she will add names to the list in church. By putting a name on the list you are confirming that you have their explicit permission to do so.

Prayers of Intercession

By Rev Sue

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Christopher our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ. We pray for ourselves and Christians everywhere, that in these times of uncertainty and change we may have a clear vision of your purpose for our lives and the life of your church. Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, fount and source of all authority and wisdom, hear our prayer for those who govern, Give to the leaders of all nations, wisdom and understanding, compassion and integrity, that all may live in peace, truth and prosperity. We pray for all those involved in advising leaders and making decisions around the covid pandemic. Give them a thorough understanding of the information they possess and clarity as they present it to those who will make the decisions. Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community. For the people who live, and work here. We lift before you those who have lost their livelihoods because of Covid and all those who are anxious for what the future may bring.

We pray for those who visit our community, for business or for recreation. We think particularly of the children, families and teachers who are on their half-term holiday over the next two weeks. May it be a time of rest and refreshment.

We ask that you will bless this island and raise up those who seek to put you at its heart. As your body, the church here in Ryde, may we always be quick to speak of you, to love those you love and be salt and light to those around us.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we place into your hands all who are sick, in body, mind or spirit. We give thanks for all those who serve you by caring for the sick, the sad and the lonely. For health professionals, for the friends and families who care for their loved ones and for those who in their compassion seek to care for strangers. We bring before those in our church family who are sick and for whom we have been asked to pray.... And in a moment of silence we pray for those known to us who are unwell. Father we ask now that your healing hand will be upon them. bringing your comfort, your strength and your peace.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

In the silence of our hearts we remember those who have died, whom we have entrusted to your eternal love in the certain hope of resurrection to new life.

May your light shine upon them and our lives be richer for their memory.

We pray for those who have been bereaved. Comfort them in their loss, give them confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daGWdbrSGBM>

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred,
let me bring Your love
Where there is injury,
Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt,
true faith in You

Oh Master,
grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master,
grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to
eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928 – 1997)



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This 'phonenumber is still open. As well as hymns , reflections read by Pam Rhodes and prayers, you can listen to church services.

You are warmly invited to join us for a

Service of Memories

A time to remember and give thanks
for those we love who have departed this life.

St John's Church, High Park Rd, Ryde

Monday 2nd November at 4.30pm



During the service we will read out the names
of those we have been asked to remember.

If you would like to add a name to this list
tel: 564433 and leave a message
or ask to be directed to the list in the church, before the service.

If you cannot make the service, the church will also be open
from 9am to 10am and 2pm to 4pm
for you to come and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

Please wear a face mask in the church to keep us all safe.

So that we know how many people to expect
RSVP to 564433 or rev.sue.stjohnsryde@gmail.com