

Sunday 19 October
St Luke the Evangelist

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. **Amen.**

Isaiah 35.3–6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Psalms 147.1–7

- 1 Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, • how joyful to honour him with praise.
- 2 **The Lord builds up Jerusalem • and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted • and binds up all their wounds.
- 4 **He counts the number of the stars • and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; • his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, • but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; • make music to our God upon the lyre;

2 Timothy 4.5–17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lions' mouth.

Luke 10.1–9

After this 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. 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. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace to this house!

And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

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. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near to you.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is
before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 121

R *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to
stumble;
he who watches over you will not
sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by
day,
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned
and firmly believed, knowing from
whom you learned it, and how
from childhood you have known
the sacred writings that are able to
instruct you for salvation through
faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is
inspired by God and is useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness, so
that everyone who belongs to God
may be proficient, equipped for
every good work. In the presence
of God and of Christ Jesus, who is
to judge the living and the dead,
and in view of his appearing and
his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
proclaim the message; be persistent
whether the time is favourable or
unfavourable; convince, rebuke,
and encourage, with the utmost



patience in teaching. For the time
is coming when people will not put
up with sound doctrine, but having
itching ears, they will accumulate
for themselves teachers to suit their
own desires, and will turn away from
listening to the truth and wander
away to myths. As for you, always
be sober, endure suffering, do the
work of an evangelist, carry out your
ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable
about their need to pray always
and not to lose heart. He said, "In a
certain city there was a judge who
neither feared God nor had respect
for people. In that city there was a
widow who kept coming to him and
saying, 'Grant me justice against
my opponent.' For a while he
refused; but later he said to himself,
'Though I have no fear of God and
no respect for anyone, yet because
this widow keeps bothering me, I
will grant her justice, so that she
may not wear me out by continually
coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen
to what the unjust judge says. And
will not God grant justice to his
chosen ones who cry to him day and
night? Will he delay long in helping
them? I tell you, he will quickly grant
justice to them. And yet, when the
Son of Man comes, will he find faith
on earth?"

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is
given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign
with all your saints for ever.





Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 19th October 2025 onwards

Sun 19 th	St Luke/TRINITY 18		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: Roger Readers: Stuart & LindaM Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Lynne Private Let
	12.45pm	MH	Private Let
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 20 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	7.15pm	SH	Youth Group
Tue 21 st	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.30am	LC	Parish Eucharist
	1.30pm	MH	Fun and Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs and Beavers
	7.30pm	GB	Refresh
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 22 nd	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	St G	Reflect
Thu 23 rd	10.30am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	10.30am	SH	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 24 th			
Sat 25 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 26 th	Bible Sunday/TRINITY 19		
	9.00am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist
			Welcomer: Margaret Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Susan & David Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Sylvia
	2.00pm	MH	Private Let
	4.00pm	SH	IGBO meeting
	4.00pm	St G	All My Journey Through

St G = St George's, St M = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall,
SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel
GB = Grange Baptist

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

Light Party Tuesday 28th October from 4.30pm until 6.00pm: Please sign up on the sheet at the back of St George's if you can help us out at the Light Party!

Time to Remember Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm: Please add names of departed loved ones to be remembered on the list at the back of church.

We pray for: Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Andy, and children, Sarah, Paul, and children.

Recently Departed: Sean Leaverland

Hymns at St George's:

636 St Luke the beloved physician
249 Great is thy faithfulness
625 Take my life and let it be
716 We have a gospel to proclaim

All My Journey Through Sunday 26th October at 4.00pm: Come along to hear about Rachel's life and faith, accompanied by hymns and refreshments!

Sharing God's Love Groups: Sign up for this film/discussion group which start on Monday 27th October from 2.00pm - 3.30pm and on 3rd, 10th, and 17th November or Wednesday 29th October from 7.00pm - 8.30pm and on 5th, 12th, and 19th November.

Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday 29th November; 12.00noon until 3.00pm: See Darrell or Rachel to book a table please or spread the word! Your donations of **BOTTLES** for the Tombola and **PRIZES** for the Raffle will be gratefully received from **TODAY** onwards. Please note we are not running a Bric-a-Brac stall this year. Have you put your name down to help yet?

We need help in the kitchen!

Please take some raffle tickets to sell or buy yourself - £1.00 each

Safeguarding training: Your certificates are available now from Laura, they can be printed or emailed to you.

Foodbank: There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in **URGENT** need of: **LONG LIFE UHT MILK, SUGAR, PET FOOD, PACKETED and TINNED FOODS, and PERSONAL CARE ITEMS.** Thank you.

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