

Pew Sheet for 18th October 2026

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Saturday 17th October

1.30pm Wedding of Kade and Jessica at Eydon
5-7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

Sunday 18th October

9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls
10.00am Family Service at Eydon
11.00am Harvest Communion and Confirmation
at Woodford Halse followed by lunch of home-
made soup plus bread and cheese and cake.
Everyone welcome
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

Tuesday 20th October

2-2.45pm Little Angels at Eydon

Wednesday 21st October

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Thursday 22nd October

Deanery Synod at Brackley

Friday 23rd October

10.30am Funeral of Peter Perehinec at Byfield

Saturday 24th October

7.30pm 'Night at the Movies' with Daventry Brass
Band at Byfield £10 Adults £5 Children payable
on the door

Sunday 25th October

9.30am BCP Communion at Boddington
11.00am Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

Wednesday 28th October

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Sunday 1st November

4pm All Souls Service at Woodford Halse

If you wish a loved one to be remembered please
email revclare@icloud.com

In our gospel reading this week we read how Jesus sent out his followers to go ahead of him into the surrounding towns and villages to tell people the good news about God's love revealed in Jesus. I wonder how the disciples felt? It's one thing to be a follower, quite another to be entrusted with the responsibility of being a herald. At least the disciples didn't have to go off on their own. Jesus sent them out in pairs knowing that human beings need companionship and the support of friends.

At the end of every communion service we are all sent out, like Jesus first disciples, "to love and serve the Lord". That could seem like quite a daunting prospect but, like Jesus first disciples, we are not sent out alone. The church exists so that we can support one another to worship God, to grow in faith and to share the love of God within our communities.

This Sunday Chris, Colin and Alexia (from Woodford) will make for themselves the promises made on their behalf at their baptisms and be confirmed by Bishop Alex during the Harvest festival service in Woodford. A confirmation service provides an opportunity for us all to remember our own baptismal promises, to silently renew them, and to commit to supporting the confirmation candidates as, together with us, their faith grows and develops. Although there are other services if anyone from across the benefice would like to meet bishop Alex or to show support for Chris, Colin and Alexia they are, of course, very welcome to come to Woodford. If you are worshipping God elsewhere this Sunday, please do keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers.

I look forward to seeing many of you across the benefice on Sunday.

Every blessing,

Clare

Sunday

18 October 2026

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.

FIRST READING

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Or **Acts 16:6-12a**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 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." 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. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to

Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

PSALM Psalm 147:1-7

R *Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in
power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

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 lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

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

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

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.



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