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50p



I have been reading Michael Morpurgo's book 'All Around The Year' - a diary documenting the preparation for the launch of the Morpurgo's charity 'Farms for City Children'. The original farm that provided the base for this charity is just outside of Exeter, and so the book is a wonderful evocation of rural Devon farming. One of Michael Morpurgo's neighbours was Ted Hughes, who provided a poem for each month of the year.

Here are lines from the delightful poem 'Barley' within which Hughes interweaves the earthy reality of growing the harvest with religious practice and symbolism. As October brings forward harvest festivals, whether you give thanks in the middle of the countryside or within one of our churches, know that you tread a well-worn path of gratitude and humility, conscious more than ever of the need to steward well 'all good gifts around us'.

Speaking of the barley seeds, Hughes writes:

 "...if it were not for the sun
 who visits them daily, briefly,
to pray with them, they would lose hope
 and give up. With him
 they recite the Lord's prayer
and sing a psalm. and sometimes at night
when the moon haunts their field and stares down
 into their beds
they sing a psalm softly together
to keep up their courage."

Revd Louise Grace

OCTOBER SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S

4th October	10am	Eucharist Harvest Thanksgiving
11th October	10am 3pm	Eucharist Forest Church
18th October	10am	Eucharist – St. Luke the Evangelist. Joint Service at St. Luke's
25th October	10am	Morning Worship



OCTOBER READINGS AT ST. LUKE'S



4th October

**Psalm 80. 9 - 17
Philippians 3. 4b - 14
Matthew 21. 33 - end**

11th October

**Psalm 23.
Philippians 4. 1 - 9
Matthew 22. 1 - 14**

18th October

**Psalm 147. 1 - 7
2 Timothy 4. 5 – 17
Luke 10. 1 – 9**

25th October

**Psalm 1.
1 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 8
Matthew 22. 34 - 46**



ST. LUKE'S **ALTAR FLOWERS**



OCTOBER

4th October Caryll Ingerslev

11th October Rowena Burrow

18th October Rowena Burrow

25th October Sandra Greedy

NOVEMBER

1st November
Rosie Lomax & Caroline Palmer

8th November
Rosie Lomax & Caroline Palmer

15th November St Margaret's

22nd November Sandra Greedy

29th November ADVENT



OCTOBER SERVICES AT **ST. MARGARET'S**

4th October

10am

Eucharist
Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30pm Harvest Evensong

11th October

10am

Eucharist

18th October

8am

BCP Holy Communion

10am

Joint Service at St Luke's

25th October

10am Family Friendly Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong



MISSION COMMUNITY MID-WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS

Mondays:

2.30pm	Contemplative Prayer (St Margaret's) (12 th Oct.)
7pm	Compline (via Zoom)

Wednesdays:

10am	Morning Worship (via Zoom)
2.30 – 3.30pm	Coffee/tea and cake (St. Margaret's)

Fridays

9am	Morning Prayer (St. Margaret's)
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St. Luke's Wednesday Opening

From October, St. Luke's will no longer be opening on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like a moment to pray or spend some time reflecting, you can always contact Ken and Sandra, or Peter and Caryll who will be able to arrange access to the Church.



Autumn's Caress

the calm brush of a breeze
with the scent of home fires burning.
inviting, the spell of leaves falling
in a swirl, they touch your face
and provoke a smile.

the gentle caress of autumn
steals the sultry heat of summer
precludes the melancholy of winter;
a careful lover, he whispers in your ear
promises of evenings spent
enthralled within his arms
as he teases you with nature's kisses.

within the change of seasons
comes the promise of his visit
and within his embrace, the promise
your heart will be kept warm
and your soul lulled into rest
before the chill of winter steals
his caress away from you.



Saint Luke the Evangelist

St. Luke's will be celebrating its patron Saint Luke, at the joint service with St Margaret's on Sunday the 18th October at 10am.

Luke the Evangelist was one of the Four Evangelists - the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Prominent figures in early Christianity such as Jerome and Eusebius later reaffirmed his authorship. Scholarly opinion on the tradition is roughly evenly divided near the end of the 20th century.

The New Testament mentions Luke briefly a few times, and the Epistle to the Colossians refers to him as a physician (from Greek for 'one who heals'); thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of Paul.

Since the early years of the faith, Christians have regarded him as a saint. He is believed to have been a martyr, reportedly having been hanged from an olive tree, though some believe otherwise. The Eastern Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic church and other major denominations venerate him as **Saint Luke the Evangelist** and as a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, notaries, butchers, brewers, and others; his feast day is 18 October. He is also described in the New Testament as a Doctor.

Many scholars believe that Luke was a physician who lived in the Hellenistic city of Antioch in Ancient Syria, born of a Greek family, although some scholars and theologians think Luke was a Hellenic Jew. While it has been widely accepted that the theology of Luke–Acts points to a gentile Christian writing for a gentile audience, some have concluded that it is more plausible that Luke–Acts is directed to a community made up of both Jewish and gentile Christians since there is stress on the scriptural roots of the gentile mission (see the use of Isaiah 49:6 in Luke–Acts).

Whether Luke was a Jew or gentile, or something in between, it is clear from the quality of the Greek language used in Luke–Acts that the author, held in Christian tradition to be Luke, was one of the most highly educated of the authors of the New Testament.

Countess Wear Village Hall dates for your Diaries.

9th October 7-9pm Silvertime finance talk in the Village Hall. This will cover wills, financial planning, power of attorney and probate.

18th October 7pm Red Earth Opera in St Luke's Church.

24th October 10-4 (tbc) preloved clothes, shoes, jewellery etc. A chance to buy quality preloved items. Potentially 30 rails will be on site at the village. If you want to hire a rail or a table to display your wares the cost will be £10 available shortly on Ticket Source. Entry to the event will be £2. Apparently, these are very popular.

The Countess Wear heritage website launch will take place on 31st October or 7th November. Free entry and tea, coffee and cake available. Angela and Laurie will be presenting. Time and date to be confirmed.

A Local Mystery.

On a path from Mill Lane in Countess Wear to the Exeter Quay there have appeared five posts dotted along the way. Two are near junctions of the path but the others are randomly along the way. They look like signposts, but nobody has added the signs. Has anybody any idea why they have been placed there over nine months ago? My nearest guess is that they were to show that the path is part of the 12-mile pathway circuit around Exeter known as the Exeter Green Circle, a scenic urban nature trail that loops through green valley parks, leafy suburbs, and quiet country footpaths. Any ideas?



Answers please to the editor (clerkwear@gmail.com) who will include them next month.

Revd. Peter Ingerslev

Red Earth Opera 18th October 2026 in St. Luke's Church.

We are delighted to be welcoming the Red Earth Opera back into St. Luke's on Sunday 18th October at 7.00pm and it is envisaged it will end around 9.00pm so not too late for those who must work. For those who have been before you know we aim to make the whole evening enjoyable by decorating the church and by serving wine and canapes in the interval.



This time Jane Anderson Brown is introducing us to a short opera rather than all arias but the first half, unless she changes her mind, will be famous arias followed by the well-known Cavalleria Rusticana which will be sung in English. Among the orchestra will be the harp which seems to be most people's favourite and one song is a duet with our organ. Frederica who is the Countess Wear Community Choir M. D., and in the opera world herself, said we were in for an emotional journey, and the harp duet would be a real treat! What a lovely evening she enthused.

Tickets are available on ticket source, but tickets are now available and can be bought with cash from Jo Shaw, Maree Day, Christine Knapman, Maureen Harding, Brian Bolt or Sandra and Ken who will point you in the right direction. Tickets are £20 with wine and canapes. We love donations towards these of course and the Raffle too.

Please spread the word as we would love to see a full church. Proceeds to St. Luke's Church Fabric Fund.

Jo Shaw

Holidays in Tenerife

In 1988 we decided to take our son, Philip, who had just started at St. Peter's School, and our daughter, Nicola, abroad for the first time. We choose to go to Tenerife. We flew from Bristol Airport. When we arrived at our hotel in Puerto de la Cruz we could see Mount Teide.

We hired a car and set off on a windy road until we arrived at the foot of Mount Teide. Then riding to the top of Mount Teide in a cable car gave us wonderful views of all the surrounding country. When we arrived at the top there was snow and a few snowballs were thrown for fun.

In 2013 we had a week's holiday in Tenerife, on our own. We flew from Exeter Airport. This year we made our third journey to Tenerife and again flew from Exeter Airport, so much more convenient, especially when our dear son collected us from our house at 5.30am to take us to the airport. The flight was due to leave at 7.30am but was slightly delayed. However, we did arrive in Tenerife on time.

The weather was very warm with blue sky to greet us, and it stayed like it for all our holiday. When we arrived at the Hotel Riu Arcas we entered the large reception area with plenty of comfortable seats. Once booked in, we went to our room, went onto our balcony, overlooking the palm



trees and we could catch glimpses of one of the swimming pools. We used the swimming pools every day, good exercise followed by a light refreshment drink, usually sangria.

Our hotel was not in a town, but a very short walk to the sea front promenade. In the mornings we went for long walks along the sea front, watching the people on jet skis and boats and the people on the beach and in the sea. We did swim in the sea once. On our walks we saw many small lizards coming out among the white stones and sunning themselves. Some did stay still on the stones, long enough for us to take a photo. Looking on the rocks at the edge of the sea we enjoyed watching the crabs, from small to fairly large, scuttling along. We booked a day's tour of the island including Mount Teide. Our first stop was for coffee at a restaurant looking down on Garachio, a town by the sea. Further along the coast we had over an hour to spend at Puerto de la Cruz. It had changed far more commercially than when we were there in 1988, but a very attractive town. Our next stop was for a 3 course Spanish lunch



with wine, which was very tasty. On we went through forests on the windy roads until we reached Mount Teide. We were not there long enough to go by cable car to the top, but we had enough time to walk around and take many photographs. We were above white clouds, which seemed like magic. It had been a wonderful day out.



Our holiday had been a very interesting, enjoyable and relaxing time. We might be going back in the future.

Sandra and Ken

Rainbow Living

This month Rainbow Living, as a charity is celebrating the 20th year.



They have also been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service which is the highest national honour given to local volunteer-led groups across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, acting as the organizational equivalent of an MBE. They have created five houses for adults with learning difficulty or other handicaps to live independently in small communities of five people and carers. This has been particularly good for parents who are getting older and not able to cope with looking after adults with disabilities.

Rev. Peter Ingerslev

MAGAZINE ARTICLES PLEASE

Poems, stories of your holidays, of your gardens, recipes or any articles that the readers of the magazine might find interesting or amusing, would be very much appreciated.

Please send your articles for the November magazine by the **21st October**

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