



Notices

Welcome: Today (18th) and next week (25th) we welcome Stephen Mitchell the Diocesan Mission Resources Advisor who will be helping us reflect on gifts and stewardship.

Taize Service: Wednesday 21st October 6pm at St Andrew's Ipplepen. focusing on healing with Dr Tom Morris give a reflection on his work during the current crisis.

Mental Health and Morning Prayer during November: The effects of mental health are huge and given these challenging times we are living in with coronavirus, it is more important than ever that we take steps to support good mental health. To this end during Morning Prayer in November we are going to be using some mental health reflections written by Professor Chris Cook and accompanied by 'have a go habits' developed by Ruth Rice. These have been produced by the Church of England and can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>

Meetings: All APCM meetings have now taken place. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make these meetings such a success. We now look forward to the first PCC meetings in early November

Social and community events: Thank you to all who helped with St Andrew's gift day yesterday – sending out letters, being in church to welcome people etc....

Coronavirus: We continue to wear masks, social distance and wash and sanitise hands.

Diocese/Deanery: Thika in Kenya is one of our link diocese. Places of worship reopened much earlier than in the UK with reduced numbers and services on-line. One of the other linked diocese Melanesia recently held its AGM and 2020 Festival on line

For prayer: On this Anti-Slavery day we pray for victims and perpetrators of this awful and wide spread crime. As we celebrate the feast of St Luke we pray for those who are involved in health and social care of any kind, who bring comfort and healing to so many.

The Beacon: The new issue of the Beacon is available take one and one for a neighbour.

Notice sheet: Do take a notice sheet for anyone who is not able to gather for worship today.

Readings

		This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	First Reading	Isaiah 35:3-6	Nehemiah 8:1-4
	Psalm	147:1-7	119:9-16
	Second Reading	2 Timothy 4:5-17	Colossians 3:12-17
	Gospel	Luke 10:1-9	Matthew 24:30-35
Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	19 th	Luke 12:13-21
	Tue	20 th	Luke 12:35-38
	Wed	21 st	Luke 12.39-48
	Thurs	22 nd	Luke 12.49-53
	Fri	23 rd	Luke 12.54-58
	Sat	24 th	Luke 13.1-9

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Luke the Evangelist

Caren is on A/L from 19th to 30th October

Andrew is on A/L from 24th to 31st October

Weekly Morning Prayer

Mon	9.00am	- Woodland
Tues	9.00am	- Ipplepen
Wed	9.00am	- Broadhempston
Thurs	9.00am	- Denbury

Services and Diary Dates

Sun 18 th Oct	9.30am	Harvest Communion (St Luke)	- Denbury
	11.00am	Harvest Communion (St Luke)	- Ipplepen
Tue 20 th Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Ipplepen
Wed 21 st Oct	6.00pm	Taize Service	- Ipplepen
Thurs 22 nd Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Denbury
	11.00am	Internment of Margret Lake	- Denbury
Sun 25 ^h Oct	1.00pm	Funeral of Monica Triggol	- Denbury
	9.30am	Holy Communion	- Woodland
	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- Denbury
	11.00am	Family Communion	- Broadhempston
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- Ipplepen

Coming up in November**All Souls service** 1st November 6pm St Andrew's Ipplepen,

Remembrance Day 8th November with services across our parishes (see The Beacon)

Shoobox service Wednesday 11th November 5pm St Andrew's Ipplepen

Andrew's Thoughts - this week the thought comes from Bishop Robert on Anti-Slavery Day

"Human trafficking and modern slavery are an unacknowledged evil in contemporary Britain. Modern slavery is not always obvious, but can appear in all sorts of guises, from a local car wash staffed by frightened illegal immigrants, to women trafficked for sex, trapped in a seaside boarding house. The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's national project against modern slavery, is raising awareness of the problem. It seeks to open our eyes and, in the words of Jesus, to 'let the oppressed go free'. I commend this initiative and its resources to your interest and prayer."

www.theclewerinitiative.org/exeter

A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY

Lord of the lost, we pray today for all those who are victims of modern slavery: people lured from their homes and families; people deceived while trying to find a better life; people who are desperate to trust anyone. Help us to be more vigilant and watchful; to be aware of those who may need our help, and those who do not know where help may lie. Amen

Christmas box appeal 2020: Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas but for many vulnerable children and families in South east Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of isolation and poverty. We are joining the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion 2020 shoe box appeal. **Leaflets available now.** A service for collecting the boxes will be held on 11th November 5pm at St Andrews, Ipplepen



Reflection for St Luke's Day by Rev'd Tony Meek

2 Tim. 4.5-17

Sunday 18th October 2020



Back in the olden days we could go away on holiday, Will we ever be able to do so again? Who would you like to have with you on a journey? For most of us that is not a real question. We only ever want to go away with our parents, or our husband or wife or our boyfriend or girlfriend. Only want to, or I guess, in some cases, are only allowed to! But, imagine for a minute that, for whatever reason, those people, that person, cannot go with you. Who would you like to take? Imagine that it's going to be a long and perhaps a risky journey. Imagine that you might be away from home for a very long time, perhaps somewhere which could become quite unpleasant. Who would you want to have with you? Assuming that Bear Grylls is not available! I guess our Chief Scout would be a useful practical companion in case of any problems!

In our New Testament reading St Paul is in a bad way as he writes to Timothy. He is old, and not at all well. He is under house arrest in Rome, after some very rough journeys. He has been beaten up and shipwrecked. He has been stoned and put in prison. And he has some mysterious illness as well which leaves him in pain or at least discomfort for most of the time. Poor old Paul! And now all of his friends have left him. Perhaps they have left to do good things in other places. But they have left Paul, and he's not a happy bunny!

But he has one friend left. 'Only Luke is with me', he writes. Good for Luke! He was the right sort of friend to have, who would not desert poor old Paul. They'd been through fire and water together, and a good pal does not walk out on his friend. We are told that Luke was the doctor on the team. Mind you, medical science wasn't very far advanced in those days, and he may not have been able to offer much beyond a few herbs, the ability to set a fracture and to put back a

dislocation (without the benefit of Ketamine or any other horse-tranquillizer!). St Luke agreed to travel round with St Paul as his personal medical attendant.

According to tradition, Luke never married. His Gospel is thought to have been written in Greece, and he himself to have died at the good old age of 84. As well as his Gospel, Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles, from which we learn so much about his friend Paul and the growth of the early church.

'Only Luke is with me' says a lot for the staunchness and loyalty of the Greek doctor, who by this time is himself getting on in years. Luke was no fair-weather friend, but obviously the sort that sticks closer than a brother. Such friends are real gifts from God. We are blessed if we have such a friend. We give a blessing if we are a friend like this.

What sort of a friend are you? I guess that you have heard many preachers tell you how important it is that you live out your Christian faith in your daily life. I recall doing so myself! You may think too often! Being a Christian isn't just something you do in church if you are able to be there on Sundays. Or even when you say your prayers at home.

A good Christian will always be a good friend. And one very good reason for that, is that, as a Christian, you have got the very best friend you could possibly have. A wonderful old hymn says, '*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.*'

Our friend Jesus did more for us than anyone else ever could, and he goes on being our friend and sticking up for us when God, his Father, gets cross with us. St Paul was very lucky to have St Luke as such a great friend.

We all need good friends. We all need to be good friends to other people. And we all need to remember that our very best and closest friend of all is a very, very special friend indeed.

So, let us thank God for sending his Son Jesus to be our friend, for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev'd Tony Meek