



**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton  
for St Luke the Evangelist (Trinity 19) on 18 October 2020**

**Collect, readings & comment on readings**

for those unable to attend the 10.30am service in church.

We will be thinking of you all and praying for you  
and longing for our future reunion in Church.

*Frances*

Revd Frances Arnold, Priest-in-Charge

**Collect** (prayer of the week)

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.**

**Readings**

**Acts 16.6-12a**                    *Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia*

6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; <sup>8</sup>so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

**2 Timothy 4.5-17**                    *Thanksgiving and Encouragement*

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of

God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

<sup>15</sup> You are aware that all who are in Asia have turned away from me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup>May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain; <sup>17</sup>when he arrived in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me.

#### **Luke 10.1-9**

#### *The Mission of the Seventy*

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

#### **Comment on the gospel**

Today we celebrate St Luke. His gospel is an account of the life of Jesus, but Luke is a believer as well as a historian and he narrates the good news which he wants to share. He wants us to make a decision, to enter the marvellous world which he has discovered.

Luke was a gentile with a good command of greek. Both in the gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, he makes it clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of gender, social position or nationality.

The story in our reading from Acts, the vision of the man of Macedonia, shows the vividness of his writing. Traditionally Luke has been seen as the 'beloved physician' who accompanied Paul from Troas to Philippi. What happens at Philippi is significant as the first time that the good news of Jesus Christ came to Europe (read on in Acts 16.11-15).

As we give thanks for Luke the physician, 'whose praise is in the gospel', let us pray that the Church will be given 'the same love and power to heal.' We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*The sermon for Sunday 18 October will be available in paper copy and online soon after the service takes place.*

I encourage you to make a habit of daily prayer, whether *A Way of Daily Prayer* (on website under Useful Information-Service Sheets);  
Common Worship *Daily Prayer* <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>;  
or *Book of Common Prayer*.

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer:

**Sunday 18 October** Luke the Evangelist

MP Isaiah 55, Luke 1.1-4

EP Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14, Colossians 4.7-end

**Monday 19 October** *Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812*

MP 2 Kings 17.24-end, Philippians 1.1-11

EP 1 Maccabees 6.1-17, John 13.1-11

**Tuesday 20 October**

MP 2 Kings 18.1-12, Philippians 1.12-end

EP 1 Maccabees 6.18-47, John 13.12-20

**Wednesday 21 October**

MP 2 Kings 18.13-end, Philippians 2.1-13

EP 1 Maccabees 7.1-20, John 13.21-30

**Thursday 22 October**

MP 2 Kings 19.1-19, Philippians 2.14-end

EP 1 Maccabees 7.21-end, John 13.31-end

**Friday 23 October**

MP 2 Kings 19.20-36, Philippians 3.1-4.1

EP 1 Maccabees 9.1-22, John 14.1-14

**Saturday 24 October**

MP 2 Kings 20, Philippians 4.2-end

EP 1 Maccabees 13.41-end, 14.4-15, John 14.15-end