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Front cover: Autumn in Burns Wood, Ellesmere.

Photo by Andrew Thomson

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This month the church celebrates the feast day of Luke the Evangelist, friend of the apostle Paul and reported author of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The New Testament briefly mentions him a few times and in Colossians he is referred to as a physician, which is how many writers since then have referred to him.

Luke was believed to be a Gentile and lived in the Greek city of Antioch, although some theologians think he was a Hellenic Jew. Whatever your thoughts or opinions, we know Luke became a disciple of the apostle Paul and his writings make up a significant part of the New Testament.

Luke is the patron saint of physicians, artists, surgeons and butchers and his feast day is 18th October. In this year when physicians have been very much at the forefront of our minds it seems fitting to think just a little about him.

When Luke writes about Jesus his writing has a pictorial quality about it as he paints a picture of Jesus' life from his birth through to his death and resurrection. It is perhaps then no surprise to learn that it is believed that Luke was the first icon painter, painting pictures of the Virgin Mary and Child. In his writing Luke makes it clear that the good news is for everyone, regardless of gender, sexuality or social standing. Perhaps another reason for his use of pictorial language and his painting of icons, the Good News becomes accessible to more people.

Over these last 6 months churches have had to adapt and embrace new ways of doing things. The language many of us have used in online services has been simpler as we recognized that people joining our services may have no understanding of the Christian faith or strange words sometimes used, or even that English might not be their first language. The Good News of Christ is for all people and we have to make it accessible for all. You will have noticed that there is freedom in the online service for people to be creative with how they bring their 'sins' to God or how they use the time of prayer. In some churches, where technology has allowed, people have been sharing videos or using contemporary music. In our services I've tried to use a mix of hymns, some

traditional and some more modern and I know that has been appreciated, and for some it has spoken to you deeply. The sharing of our reflections also seems to have been helpful, with people reflecting on them throughout the week. Luke reminds us that the Good News is for all, and so should be shared in ways which can reach everyone.

In Henri Nouwen's book 'Eternal Seasons' he quotes from his book 'Bread for the Journey' when he talks about Luke.

'When a friend touches us with free, non-possessive love, it is God's incarnate love that touches us and God's power that heals us.'

As a physician Luke would have known all about the power of touch. Jesus was well known for the power of His touch, bringing healing to many. This year physical touch is one thing many of us have missed and it looks like that will continue for some time. But what we have seen is God's love touching people in numerous other ways. Those small acts of kindness as people have helped one another, the voice at the end of the telephone, even the rainbow pictures in the windows. Little acts of love, which for some have brought healing and peace; acts of love that are non-possessive, but acts that are God's love reaching out to all. People have been creative; they've found new ways of doing things, ways that have spoken to those who needed to hear.

This year maybe we've taken a leaf out of Luke's book and opened the Good News of Christ up to people in ways we never thought we could. This year our non-possessive and creative ways of sharing the love of Christ have touched people we did not expect to reach. Let's remember to continue what we've started, because as we see the nights drawing in and the threat of new lockdowns, we will need even more the Light of Christ before us.

May God Bless each one of you as you shine as His lights, sharing His love with all.

Linda

Michael Ford (2003) *Eternal Seasons – A Liturgical Journey with Henri Nouwen*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd, p143 Luke the Evangelist.

Lights of Love

Our annual 'Lights of Love' service where we remember those who have died, hopes to be able to go ahead this year, but with some changes due to current restrictions. In the next few weeks I hope to be able to send a letter out to those who have lost loved ones in the last two years. Notices will also go up on the website, Facebook pages and posters in our villages, please watch out for them.

We are still in the planning stage for this service but we hope to be able to offer the service twice due to the limited numbers we can safely accommodate in the church with the Covid-19 restrictions. We hope that we can offer **3pm** and **6pm** on **Sunday 1st November**. This will allow us time to clean down between services and unfortunately there will be no refreshments offered this year.

To attend these services, whether you receive a letter or not, people will be required to book in by ringing me and giving me the names and number of people attending and leaving a contact number for the purposes of track and trace. These details will be used to check people in on the day and will then be safely destroyed after 21 days.

We are sorry to have to do this but it is the only way we can hold the service and it will hopefully prevent us from having to turn anyone away on the day.

Linda

*"My friends and my companions stand apart from my affliction,
My neighbours stand afar off."*

Psalm 38:11 (NRSV)

Social distancing is nothing new.

HOLY TRINITY WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

John and I continue with our walks, cycle rides and nature watching. Although the August weather has not been what we might expect we have not been daunted. We have taken advantage of the National Trust system of booking and go regularly once a week early morning for a long walk around the Attingham Park estate. We also went a bit further afield to visit an RSPB reserve on the Dee estuary at Burton Mere. Although the spoonbills we had hoped to see were long gone we did enjoy a change of scene and found the history and the geography interesting. There is a small hill fort on the edge of the reserve which overlooks the Dee estuary. The river Dee used to be much wider but what used to be river is now covered in grassland, where we did see some egrets.

One of the nicest consequences of walking is that we meet up with friends and neighbours. It is a rare walk where we do not meet someone for a chat, catching up, exchanging grumbles or good news. One of our recent interests in the “walking” area is the variety of the farm weather vanes. See if you can identify where they are. *(See page 35)*

Last month in Weston’s article I made reference to the growing signs of autumn – with berries turning red, blackberries and elderberries ripe enough to pick and some leaves turning to autumn colours. The changes have continued and we have made some bramble jelly – even though the volume of ripe ones was affected by all the wet weather and many berries were mouldy. Untasted at the time of writing is a batch of elderberry jelly. I hope it tastes better than the smell of the cooking elderberries.

By the time this is printed we will all be able to go to services in church if we wish. Thanks are due again to Linda and all the churchwardens and cleaning teams for making this possible. It is good too that the online services will continue for those who are unable to attend church. We are indeed blessed in so many ways.

We miss seeing all our family – and I am sure that this is true for lots of families all over the country. We are lucky that there is technology available to Skype or Zoom to see each other. We continue to do family quizzes each weekend and the multi choice questions have varied greatly covering a range of subjects to suit the age group from 71 to 5 years.

Services in October

Holy Trinity, Weston Lullingfields

4th October 9.30am Worship For All

18th October 9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Hordley

Thursday 8th October 7pm – Harvest Festival In the Grain Store at Red House Farm (Edward Jones's Barn)

11th October - no service

25th October 9.15am Holy Communion

All Saints' Baschurch

4th October 8am BCP Holy Communion (first 8am Service since lockdown)
11am Holy Communion

11th October 11am Holy Communion

18th October 8am BCP Holy Communion
11am Worship For All

25th October 11am Holy Communion

Thursday Communion will be re-introduced at some point so please check the website for details.

If we have to lockdown again notices will be issued via the website, Facebook pages, posters and email.

Sunday Readings for October

4th October – Isaiah 5: 1-7 or Philippians 3: 4b -14

Gospel reading Matthew 21: 33-46

11th October – Isaiah 25: 1-9 or Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel reading Matthew 22: 1-14

18th October – Feast Day for Luke the Evangelist

Isaiah 35: 3-6

Gospel reading Luke 10: 1-9

25th October –Bible Sunday

Colossians 3: 12-17

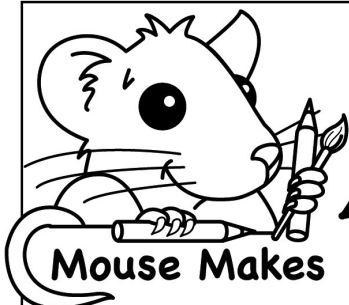
Gospel reading Matthew 24: 30-35

Linda

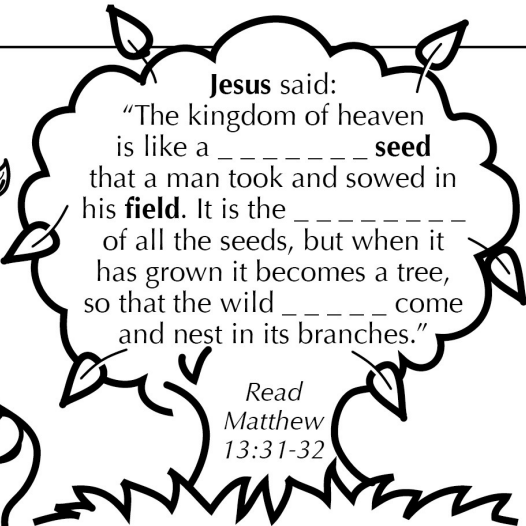
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Baschurch

Peggy Lloyd died on 6th September aged 94

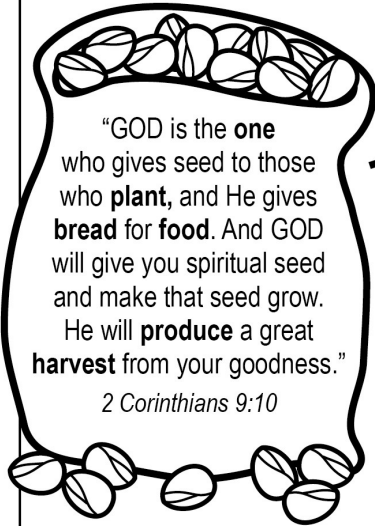


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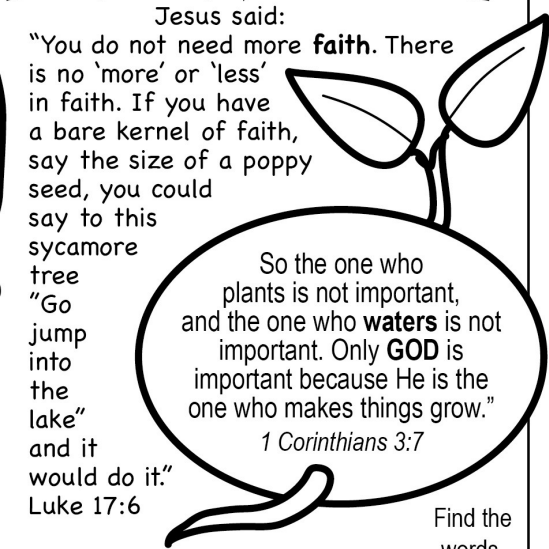
Jesus said:
 "The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ **seed** that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in its branches."

Read *Matthew 13:31-32*

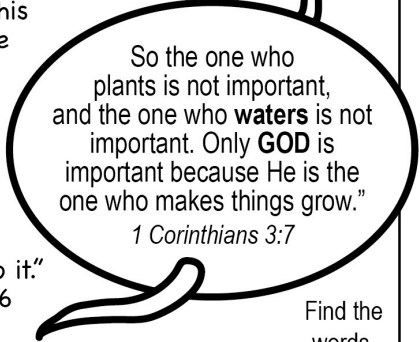


"**GOD** is the one who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for **food**. And **GOD** will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10



Jesus said:
 "You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree
 "Go jump into the lake" and it would do it!"
Luke 17:6



So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."
1 Corinthians 3:7

Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.

How many different seeds can you find?

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BASCHURCH NEWS

All Saints "100 Club" Winners

Sept 2020 No6 Mrs A Whittall

No 46 Mrs H Birch

No 101 Mrs B Timmis

FAIRTRADE

The new Autumn/Winter catalogue is now available with the usual food items as well as a range of cards and gifts for Christmas. Many of the suppliers and craftsmen overseas have seen their only income disappear overnight as a result of Covid. Any purchases would therefore help to sustain some of these families who at the best of times have a fragile existence.

Please contact me if you would like a catalogue on 261081 or at thepatdavies@hotmail.com

Many thanks

Pat Davies

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

We are planning to market and deliver some of the popular home-made goodies that have been on sale at previous Christmas Tree Festivals at All Saints. We will be producing a list of goods and can arrange delivery to your door - within the benefice. Please watch out for further details next month.

VINTAGE BABY CLOTHES

Does anyone know of somebody who would like some Victorian/Edwardian baby clothes? Some of them are in need of a little TLC from a good needleperson. Please contact Angela 01939261047. A donation to the church would be appreciated.

Hordley News

It has been very good to return to regular services at St Mary's and the comment has been that they have proved "surprisingly good"! Although no singing is permitted, we have been able to listen to music before the service, during the service and at the close.

Our Harvest service this year is going to be quite different! It will be held in the grain-store at Edward and Anne Jones's farm, Red House Farm, Hordley, on the evening of Thursday 8th October at 7 pm. There will be plenty of room for socially distanced seating so all are welcome. But again, no singing is allowed. It had been hoped that we could enjoy refreshments after the service but sadly this is not now permitted. There will be no service at St Mary's on the following Sunday, the 11th October.

For an up-date on Andrew's Walk see facing page.

There was no lottery winner in September because no-one had the winning number 32.



They knew it was left over from the Harvest Festival, but not what it was, or where...

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Bro-ken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market. **DOWN:** 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

ANDREW'S CLARENDON WAY WALK – Update

Preparations are in hand for Andrew and Lorna's sponsored walk from 26th to 29th September. As you may have read in last month's magazine, the walk starts at Salisbury Cathedral and passes along roads, tracks and footpaths, through villages, open downland and woodland and across fields to Winchester cathedral; nearly 27 miles in all. It will be spread over four days during the week in which we shall be staying in a rented cottage nearby.

At the time of writing sponsorship has reached almost £1200, which will be divided equally between St Mary's, Hordley and the Severn Hospice. We have been much encouraged by our supporters' comments and generous donations, which have already passed our hopes and expectations. So a big thank you to all of you who have kindly contributed.

Donations can be made by clicking the link in the online version of this magazine, which readers can find by logging on to the benefice website. To find the website use the search term All Saints Baschurch. Alternatively the old fashioned methods using cash or cheques (payable to PCC of Hordley) will be gratefully received, sent to Andrew Thomson, 8 Magnolia Drive, Ellesmere, SY12 9PN. For further information my email address is on page 34 and the web address for the fund-raising page is:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewThomson56>

If you are reading this on the website you can go to the fund-raising page by holding down the Control key and left clicking on the blue link above.



Beware what lurks in the church vestry...

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in, which are kept “just in case” and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can't bear to throw away. Flower arrangers creep into my vestry, looking for space for boxes of twine. Decorators arrive with cribs and Easter gardens they are hoping to store. And even the choirmaster occasionally sidles in, trying to slip some anthems past me. I repel them all with vigour, and a firm broom.

One thing I can't keep out of the vestry are the portraits of all my predecessors, who stare down at me reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, stare smugly, knowing that I am still being compared to them, and falling short. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, look mildly reproachful, reminding me that *they* all held doctorates from Oxford. The hand-drawn portraits from pre-1870 are the worst – they all look as if they drank vinegar for breakfast and argued Pelagianism over lunch, just for fun. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor, and perpetually irritate him

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five-foot, 18 stone incumbent will leave a cassock for his six-foot, ten stone successor. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the Relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – and lost forever in the churchwarden's shed.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

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Across

1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

(answers on page 12)

On the Wing

October 2020

October is changeover month. The last of our summer visitors leave, (although occasionally house martins may still be feeding young); and by the end of October our winter visitors are here. Look out for Redwing and Fieldfare feeding on yew berries in your churchyard. If you see several Mistle thrushes amongst them they may have arrived from northern Europe and Russia, adding to the numbers of resident thrushes found over the summer, some of whom in turn may have migrated south.



We think of Robins as a permanent feature of our gardens and churchyards, often believing we have got to know a particular individual. Actually, many winter Robins have migrated here from colder climes and the average life span of a Robin is only 9 months, so this is unlikely to be true.

Some birds are 'true migrants', swallow for example always travels to Africa regardless of weather. Other birds such as chiffchaffs and blackcaps will respond to the weather, going south ahead of cold spells. As a result of climate change, these less programmed migrants may stay with us all winter now.

Whilst migrating, birds need places to rest and feed and churchyards can be excellent for this, providing a refuge for the travellers. Many bird species are in trouble with populations declining steeply. Providing food and shelter for birds on the move and those wintering here can make all the difference. Bird boxes are used for sheltering as well as nesting, so why not erect a few. Dense ivy and hedges give shelter from the weather and berry-bearing shrubs provide a rich food source. Consider pruning hedges and shrubs late in the winter so that birds can feed on any berries present, also making the most of the shelter offered. Could you provide water in a simple bird bath? Try to view the churchyard from a bird's perspective, does it offer a warm welcome to hungry, tired birds? Think of it as a transport café or cosy pub for birds.

All the best

Harriet Carty,

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Robert Herrick was an English poet and clergyman born in Cheapside, London the son of a wealthy goldsmith. He graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge in 1617, was ordained priest in 1623 and appointed vicar of Dean Prior, Devonshire in 1629. He was a prolific poet mainly concentrating on his love of the countryside, village life and his Christian faith. He remained a bachelor and many of the ladies such as Anthea and Julia to whom his poems are dedicated are thought to be fictional. He is probably best known for his poems 'Cherry Ripe' and 'Gather ye Rosebuds While ye May'. One which has been set to music as a hymn is his 'Litany of the Holy Spirit', but I think some lines may have been written rather with tongue in cheek. Here are a few verses.

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drowned in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the artless doctor sees,
No one hope but of his fees,
And his skill runs on the lees,
Sweet spirit, comfort me.

David Morgan

The Gravestone on page 32.

Here are a few notes to help the reader to understand the text on the gravestone on page 32.

Firstly; what is a sloop? These days a sloop is a sailing boat with a single mast and a fore and aft rig; just what you can see at any sailing club. In the 18th century a sloop was a small, square-rigged warship with two or three masts and up to 18 guns on a single gun deck.

Secondly; what is a horse? The horse is a bar (wood perhaps, or later iron) set across the ship near the aft end and is used for controlling the jib as it swings from side to side as the ship tacks.

Boreas was the Greek god of the North Wind.

1759 was known as The Year of Victories due to Britain's successes in two land and two sea battles against France.

In Memory of

THOMAS son of Richard and Ann
BARROW, Master of the sloop Two
Brothers who by the breaking of the
Horse fell into the Sea & was Drown'd
October the 13th 1759 Aged 23 years.

Tho Boreas's Storms and Neptune's waves

Have tos'd me to and fro

Yet I at length by God's decree

am harbour'd here below

Where at an Anchor here I lay,

with many of our Fleet

Yet once again I shall set Sail

my Saviour Christ to meet.

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