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**Church Link**  
18 October 2020

**No. 30**

*Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke, the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel, the love and healing power of Your Son: Graciously continue in your Church, the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer of the Order of St Luke

Welcome to this week's Church Link. Below are links to online Sunday Worship, booking forms for the Sunday Eucharist and weekday worship and the Sunday Reading and Reflection. This week's APCMs will take place via Zoom, with links published below. If you know of a neighbour who struggles to access the internet who would like to attend, please consider supporting them by setting up a device for them or allowing them to share your device, if government restrictions permit.

Thank you to all those who made donations to our local food banks at the Sunday Eucharist last week. They will mean much to those who receive them.

Yours in Fellowship,  
Revd. Simon Lewis  
Laura Williams

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**Church Worship this week**  
**Trinity XIX**

**Sunday 18th October, 10:30am**

- Church worship online via [video link](#)
- Church Eucharist in St Andrew's Church, Blagdon. [Please book here](#)

**Monday 19th October, 10:30am**

- Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin

**Wednesday 21st October, 5:30pm**

- Evensong sung by the choir, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Thursday 22nd October, 12 noon**

- Church in the Spirit of Iona, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

To help us all to worship safely in our buildings, please book attendance for **Sunday** services via [this page](#) and **weekday** services via [this page](#). Please take a pen to sign the attendance register when you enter the church building.

To assist NHS Track and Trace, your data will be stored for 21 days after you attend worship. Full details can be found on our [website](#), or by reading the [privacy policy](#).

Online Worship is now available to view directly on our website.

[Click here](#)  
to join worship on Sunday 18th October at 10:30am

**Sunday Reading and Reflection**  
18 October 2020 - Trinity XIX

**Theme: Luke the Evangelist**

We shall reflect more fully on Luke the Physician, Luke the Diarist and Author, Luke the acute Observer and Evangelist on Isolation Station this morning. Before that look at this short passage from Luke's Gospel. It feels almost as if it would have been written for today.

**Reading: Luke 10.1-9**

**The Mission of the Seventy**

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. 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."

**A Reflection**

In the present, as in the emerging post Covid19 world, thoughtful women and men are seeking to understand the implications of what is happening; to the way we are with one another; how we can re-establish the priorities in our relationships with family, friends and with society and, perhaps above all, our relationship with God.

The dream of peace, of a new covenant, a new relationship with the Creator of all that is, is not impossible; we can bring it to reality. The Church has played this role in time past; a close parallel circumstance will be the 'Black Death', 600 years ago. In a pre-scientific age in so many communities individual Christians and the Church in a locality brought care and consolation, compassion, and hope when all seemed lost. More recently the reformers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in socially dark times brought relief and faith and hope to a nation ill at ease with itself. Shaftesbury, Wilberforce, Wesley, Butler, Cadbury, Newman, Pusey, William Booth, Barnardo, Nightingale, are just a few names that might spring to mind. They represented many different priorities and schools of thought and much of the spirituality, medical and social care as well as education and a bias to the poor during the next century came from their commitment and their work. We are again a nation ill at ease with itself.

Two millennia ago Jesus sent out his Disciples, two by two; 'the crop is heavy, the labourers few' he said. True then; true now. Will you, then, join them? You will be given the gifts you need to transform our society, for God's glory, and for our healing.

**A Prayer for Sunday**

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,

**Ringers' Radio Isolation Station**



This week's recording for the Ring of Bells' radio station will be broadcast on Sunday morning from 10:45am, beginning with the sound of church bells and followed by the reflection at 11am. You can also listen to this week's recording on our website, by clicking on the image below.



**Annual Parochial Church Meetings**  
This week, via Zoom

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place this week via Zoom:

**St Bartholomew's, Ubley: Monday 19th October 2020 from 7:30pm**  
**St Michael's, Compton Martin: Tuesday 20th October 2020 from 7:30pm**  
**St Andrew's, Blagdon: Wednesday 21st October 2020 from 7:30pm**

Please click the link above to view the material relevant to your parish, including nomination forms. Agendas have also been uploaded onto these pages on our website. You may find it helpful to print these prior to the start of your meeting. If you would like to stand for election, please make sure that you have emailed or delivered your completed nomination form to [Simon](#).

Please click the Zoom link below to join your meeting. Links can be requested from [benefice.bcmu@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.bcmu@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before the start of your meeting. You should only attend the APCM of the parish of which you are on the electoral roll.



St Michael's, Compton Martin



St Bartholomew's, Ubley



St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Children's Corner**

This week's Young Church Mag will help you to store up Treasure in Heaven through puzzles, maths challenges and codes. It is available as a printable PDF download by clicking [this link](#).

**Church@Home**

Church@Home takes place via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30am and provides informal, interactive, thought-provoking worship. To find out more please contact [Clare Walker](#).

**Prayer within our community**

**We have been asked to pray for:**

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for Mary, Max, for Giles and his parents Alan and Elaine, for Neville and Michelle, Britta and her parents Roger and Kathy, Elizabeth, Nick, Piers, Neil and Margaret.

In the Parish of Ubley, please pray for Richard.

In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for the Joyner family, also for Mathew, Tom and Harry, Cainwin and Robert.

Please pray for our wedding couples hoping to start their married lives over the next year, many of whom are dealing with difficult decisions due to the restrictions on social gatherings.

Bishop Peter continues to undergo treatment in hospital and we are continuing to hold him in our prayers. We pray too for the Bishop of Taunton who is leading the diocese in the interim.

**Remembering those who have died:**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Irene Moore, Chris Preston and Andrea Bonetti, Lorraine Osborn, née Simmons, and for their families and friends who mourn.

*Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click [here](#) to send us your requests.

**Community Support and Help Details**

Support is available in all our villages for anyone who is self-isolating:

**For those who live in Ubley**

**Ubley Cares**  
Landline: 463509 speak to Wes Hallam  
Email: [whallam@ubleyparish.co.uk](mailto:whallam@ubleyparish.co.uk)  
Landline: 462827 speak to Jonathan Longhurst  
Email: [jl1andji2@sky.com](mailto:jl1andji2@sky.com)

**For those who live in Compton Martin:**

**Coronavirus support in Compton Martin Parish**  
Email: [comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com](mailto:comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com)  
Landline: 221415 speak to Jean Lockett  
Mobile: 07968 861118 speak to Jean Lockett  
Email: [peterandjeanlockett@gmail.com](mailto:peterandjeanlockett@gmail.com)  
Landline: 220102 speak to Rachel Branston

**For those who live in Blagdon:**

**Blagdon Community Link**  
Support during Covid-19  
Email: [caroblbgdon@gmail.com](mailto:caroblbgdon@gmail.com)

