

Welcome to **St LUKE'S** CROSBY

called to ... follow - share - serve - love - worship

Memory Verse Luke 8.21

But Jesus said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.

18th October 2020 - St Luke's Day

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Perseverance

Over the last few weeks I've preached on Psalm 137 and Psalm 136 and, in school collective worship, the parable of The Lost Coin. As I've thought about these scriptures, I've become more aware, once again, of God's enduring perseverance. In school, our half-term value is Perseverance, and the woman who looked for her lost coin persevered till she found it, and then she rejoiced. In Psalm 137, God's faithfulness, even to his people in exile, was an act of perseverance and they too had to persevere to keep finding him in exile. And in Psalm 136, the phrase "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever" is repeated in every verse of the psalm.

God is enduring in his faithfulness to us, he never let's go of us, he carries us through the storms and his steadfast love endures forever.

It's easy to forget that as we get on with life, cope with the changes and weirdness of things right now, figure out how to do things in new ways, and just keep going. We can become busy supporting others, busy worrying, busy working and, in all the busyness, it's easy to forget that God is present, that he loves us and is the one who will be with us eternally. Last Sunday I preached about taking a Sabbath, or obeying the 4th Commandment to take a Sabbath rest, as did God. He asks us to take time, make time, give time – to himself, to our loved ones and to ourselves – to rest, to enjoy, to stop and be, to worship and to be loved. God is enduring in his faithfulness to us, persevering with us always, loving us eternally. Are you enduring in your faithfulness towards him and his ways? Taking a Sabbath means us taking time to praise and love God, time to enjoy life and family, and time to rest and be restored. Taking a Sabbath and spending time with God allows us to find him and him to find us once again. That then results in God rejoicing over us (as the woman rejoiced over her lost coin), rejoicing that we are his, that we are his beloved and that we are in his safe-keeping. Take time for yourself, for God and for your loved ones this week!



Amanda Bruce

Prayer

Please pray for : Liz Mace, Lil Fogg, Lyndsey Moore, Maureen Mitchell, Vicky McCabe, Jenny, Geoff Stubbs, Tom Dowd, Michael Callaghan, Jeremiah Morgan and family, Baby Ayla Joan Sutherland, Billy, Rachael Maher, Tracey, and all those who are feeling vulnerable or self-isolating. **Also pray for friends and family** of Glynis Dowson, Jennie and Madge Daily who have recently passed away.

Week beginning Sunday 18th October: (St Luke's Day)

Theme: Health and health services

Collect for St Luke "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.



**Bible Readings: Luke 7.1–10, Romans 12.1–8,
Colossians 3.9–14 James 5.13–16**

Pray for....

...those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those who are terminally ill, elderly or frail; for all who live with disability or in constant pain, and for the many who strive to bring comfort and healing to them.

...God's protection from the Coronavirus, for the sick and those infected; for God's healing

... those from all nations and backgrounds working on the frontline of healthcare, in hospitals, care homes and at home for skill and wisdom, patience and courage in their work

...scientists to be successful in finding a vaccine against Covid 19 and other effective ways to protect people from the virus. For the scientists advising the UK government, that they would understand the virus better and make excellent recommendations on how best to protect the population.

...NHS services in our communities: for pharmacists, GPs, nurses, dentists, physios, dietitians and other practitioners working in a wide range of settings

...those who provide leadership in healthcare, for those who allocate resources, those who promote health and wellbeing in policy and practice

...guidance and strength for all medical chaplains, and for all engaged in teaching and medical research



Mission Focus for October is for

Samaritan's Purse (Shoebox Appeal)

Unfortunately as we are currently not meeting in church we can't make shoeboxes available to be taken home and filled, but filled shoeboxes are still very much needed for various parts of the world.

This Sunday

Sunday Service - St Luke's is streaming an 'Act of Worship' every Sunday at 10am on www.stlukecrosby.org.uk and our YouTube channel by searching for stlukeschurchcrosby. There are children's activities available each week on the website www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/resources/

St Luke's Dial-in Service. We have set up a new feature so that you can listen to the weekly Sunday service using your phone, using a freephone number **0808 501 5040** - it can take a few seconds to connect you to the audio file so please hold on in there!

Coffee Morning - we will be holding our Virtual Coffee Morning on Zoom again this Sunday at 10.45am. If you are not able to be online, you can also join in by ringing 02030512874 then 84676603954 # then # when prompted, followed by the password. Please ring Paul 07855 727196 to get the password.

10am Sunday Service

You can book for our next Sunday service from mid-day on Friday 16th Oct for Sunday 25th Oct using the link on the website www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events/ or MyChurchSuite. Please only book a table for the exact number of people attending, for eg. Only book a table of 3 for 3, if you can't access the correct number, or don't have internet access please call the office 0151 931 3119. We remind those attending we will be fully abiding within all the restrictions, so we ask you to hand sanitise on your way in and to please wear a face mask throughout (unless exempt) and observe social distancing. Thank you for your patience.

Notices



The Annual Parish Church meeting will be held online on 20th October 2020.

The current Electoral roll, copies of the APCM booklet and reports are available in church and on our website www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/APCM.

Access to the Electoral Roll will be by password only which can only be obtained through the office. If you would like any hard copies please let Gaynor know and one will be sent out to you. If you would like to stand for the PCC, Deanery Synod or Churchwarden, the nomination forms are available on the webpage. These will need to be printed and signed then posted through the office door no later than the 18th October. These nomination forms are also available in church. However, at PCC last night, it was decided that we would only hold it by zoom and not as a physical gathering in church due to rising Covid-19 infection rates locally. For online meeting information, please see overleaf...../

If you wish to attend the online Zoom APCM meeting

Then please visit www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events click on APCM event and sign up yourself and anyone else by clicking on additional ticket. This way we have a record of everyone who is attending for accurate minute taking. You are also able to join the meeting using your phone if you don't have access to the internet. If you would like to join in this way then ring the office 931 3119, leave a message and Gaynor will ring you back and give you the passcode needed when you join the meeting. To ring in on the night you need to dial the following-02030512874 then 88249855024# then # when prompted, followed by the passcode.

Quiz Night A very big "Thank you" to Jim Stewart and all who took part in the Quiz night last Saturday to raise funds for our link Mission Partner Alejandro Mesco in Peru. I'm so grateful to God who never fails us and to all who couldn't take part in the quiz but generously gave donations which have increased since last week to **£970.71**. Thank you again may God bless you all. Joyce Fell.

Special Message from Alejandro - if you didn't see this personal video message at the Quiz Night, then it's available to view at www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/mission

Shoebboxes - please visit www.shoebboxonline.org.uk where you can pack a shoebox on-line and even choose the age group and gender your box is for, if you'd like to (£20 per box). If you would prefer just to give a donation then click on the donate button on the church website. Alternatively please drop a cheque into the church office, payable to St Luke's Church, Crosby and mark the envelope "Shoebbox". Various knitters have been busy at home making a range of items for shoeboxes (thanks very much!) and arrangements will be made for these to be collected and passed on to the Samaritans Purse regional manager to be used in boxes.

St Luke's Honey is now available £3 for 1/2lb. Crafty Ladies have been busy during lockdown creating and making a variety of cards for sale. Money raised goes to St Joseph's Hospice. Lots of jams and chutneys for ARocha available for delivery. Contact Agnes Law 924 3448

Mid-week Holy Communion - If you would like to be part of the service please let Amanda know 932 9253, this is not yet on the booking system but we still require contact details for track and trace. Alternatively you can speak to Gaynor.

Foodbank are looking for the following items of food particularly during the current situation. Please deliver food direct to Sainsbury's store in Crosby. Latest shortages are : coffee, jam, Instant Mash, tinned rice pudding and Juice/Squash. They are also making a plea to anyone who is financially able, to consider <https://southsefton.foodbank.org.uk/>

The Annual Meeting for 2019:

It seems a little confusing that we're having a meeting about 2019 at the end of October 2020, but that's the way of it this year. So please do book in via the website for the annual meeting on 20th Oct at 7.30pm. Just go to the website and in the dropdown menu in Home click on Events and from that page you can click on APCM and book for the meeting. Alternatively join by telephone by letting Gaynor know on 0151 9313119, and then, on that evening, call the number and codes that the newsletter gives you. We do need to know who's coming for the minutes.

So, you need to know along with the agenda and report that you should have had from the office that the following elections and nominations are needed:

5 PCC members to be elected: So far 1 person wishes to stand.

5 Deanery Synod representatives to be elected: And I have nomination form from Zorina Jones, and 3 other people who have indicated they will stand but have not yet sent a form in to me.

2 Church Wardens, as they need electing every year: 2 people have stood, Agnes Law and Colin Stephens. Others may stand if they want but a form needs to be with me by 7pm on Tuesday evening.

All nomination forms can be downloaded from the website using the APCM tag under the Home menu. Or you can call Gaynor and request a form to be sent to you. Each nominee needs to be proposed by someone and then seconded and we do need signed forms in, or a clear email from you that you are standing with who proposes you and who seconds that proposal and a signed hard copy form ASAP.

Please do pray for those standing as we need these places filled, especially the PCC vacancies.

With thanks, Amanda