

Dear friends,

I have recorded a YouTube video (with new-fangled microphone) on the subject of this Sunday who is St. Luke and his distinctive contribution to our understanding of the Christian faith. If you'd like to watch it just click here.

<https://youtu.be/-g3yhZBTEdo>

Alternatively, you can read it here on my Blog. <https://revmartinjacques.blogspot.com/2020/10/st-luke.html>

Covid-19 Hero 2020



Our administrator, Fran Mills, was chosen by Palmers Funeral Care as their Covid Hero for this year and was presented with a hamper by Sadie and Pam from the Co-op office. It was for her tireless hard work in making sure that every funeral was covered and went as smoothly as possible.

Speaking of funerals, having four funerals on the go at once, as is the current position – one tries to do your level best for people despite the pressures – I have nightmares about getting the deceased's name wrong! I can't imagine anything more embarrassing. Thankfully that has never happened, but I always intently look at all my paperwork over and over again just before a funeral to make sure. The one I've just done today, Colin Reader, had their funeral in St. Peter's and the internment at St. John in the Wilderness. Colin made his last journey in a vintage American hearse – his son collects them(!) and has a collection of 18 hearses! I had never been to St. John's before and it is indeed beautiful with one of the largest churchyards I've ever seen.



The Prayer before the Crucifix. St. Francis prayed this prayer before this crucifix in the little church of San Damiano in 1205/6, in the early days of his conversion.

**Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me
true faith,
certain hope,
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge,
Lord, that I may carry out
Your holy and true command**

Love and peace,
Martin

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