

## THE RALEIGH MISSION COMMUNITY

**OUR VISION:** "To know and worship God, to show his love by reaching out into the community and welcoming all into his church."

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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 19 – Proper 24

This Sunday Rev'd Margaret Scrivenor will be presiding at All Saints at 9.30am and at St. Michael's at 11am for the Holy Communion Services. At St Peter's we welcome Rev'd. Martin Jacques at 8.00 & 10.00 am.

### Thought for the day

Never has the national picture looked so uncertain and the previous picture of a unified Britain pulling together under a national lockdown back in March seems a long time ago now. People are tired and confused and many are angry. The social, economic and health toll increases daily and there is no end in sight. A glimmer of hope is raised intermittently with the promise of a vaccine and then recedes just as quickly. And all the time our non-Covid-19 health needs are pushed aside for the "greater good" storing up massive death tolls in the near future from missed and undiagnosed diseases.

It is natural to want to identify someone to blame for all this, because none of this was our fault. But even whilst we identify someone (anyone!) we can blame, that just adds embitterment to our already sorry state. So saturated is our national news and media with all the various ramifications of the crisis that for those with belief, Worship is the only area I can think of where the prime focus for about an hour a week is focussed elsewhere – for Christians, on a personal and Transcendent God. Humanly speaking it must do us good to glimpse a far greater story written on a far larger canvas, where all our current problems are given their true perspective. To see ourselves painted on that canvas as one thing in the midst of an infinite number of other things whilst also knowing that even though the vastness of the canvass is immeasurable we are all infinitely, personally loved by God is a profound experience.

**We pray for all who are ill:** Rosie Smith, David Beagley, John Heavens, Philip Ringrose, Glenys Callaghan, Tony Bennett.

Love and best wishes for a speedy recovery to The Reverend Karen Young who is currently unwell

**Recently departed:** Desmond (Des) White.

**Annual Remembrance:** Minnie Harris, Amy Alexander, John Brenan, Olivia Copeland, Michael Bridle, Jennie Broad-Thomas, Howard Dickinson, Janet Howell-Griffith, Kenneth Downen, Marjorie Lockley.

**St Peter's Church 'Gift Day'** will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 10 – midday & 2.00 – 4.00pm at St Peter's Church. Rev'd Martin writes - It often amazes people how expensive it is to run a church as big as St. Peter's which is financed entirely by the generosity of its congregation and supporters. From September the Peter hall will re-open for a diverse group of hirers, which together with the resumption of worship will ease our financial woes a little but the loss this year will still be colossal. All financial donations gratefully received.

The annual **All Souls Service** will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November at St Peter's Church commencing at 3.00 pm, and anyone who would like to remember a loved one is invited to attend this socially distanced service. From 20<sup>th</sup> October lists will be available in all churches of the Raleigh Mission Community to add the details of anyone wished to be remembered by name during the service. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, this year there will be no refreshments after the service but we hope you will feel safe to attend this lovely service of remembrance.



**SIDESMEN REQUIRED AT ST PETER'S:** There is a need to recruit a few more Sidesmen for St Peter's as soon as possible. This is not a very onerous job but is one that needs doing on a regular basis. Would some kind people who are regular members of the St Peter's congregation but perhaps have not been with us for very long, be prepared to offer their help for the 10am Sunday service. Husband and wife couples are very welcome. This will always be a fixed Sunday, not dodging from Sunday to Sunday! Please get in touch with Chris Parrish (07815 129959). Thank you.

**Harvest at St Peter's** There was a terrific response to "bring tins and packets" to the service on Sunday. On behalf of the Community Larder – THANK YOU SO MUCH. The donations filled 2 pews! We were quite overwhelmed. There was far too much to take to the local supermarkets and indeed to fit in one car. Luckily a friend of Elaine Harewood was visiting the church and offered up her husband and his van to transport the goods to Exmouth. Many thanks to them.

#### Dates for your diary: October/November 2020

18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Peter's APCM	The Peter Hall	15.00
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Gift Day</b>	<b>St Peter's Church</b>	<b>10-12am &amp; 2-4pm</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Otterton APCM	St Michael's Church	12.15
1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Souls Service	St Peter's Church	15.00



During this crisis, the economic damage has been severe in all sectors including the churches. If you give already by direct debit, that is excellent but for those people who give by envelope or in the plate, please consider giving by bank transfer. Each church in the RMC has independent finances so if you are so inclined these are the details of our three churches: St. Peter's: Sort code 09-01-28 A/c no. 96051138, All Saints: Sort code 30-94-36 A/c no 00601276, St Michael's Otterton: Sort code 30-94-36 A/c no. 00601500. **If you would find it helpful to make a contactless payment using your bank card this option will be available to you at St Peter's this Sunday. Tony Gray will be happy to help you with your transaction and gratefully relieve you of your donation which would be much appreciated. Thank you so much.**

**Collect:** O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

We don't recognise many Saints on our weekly lectionary readings but this Sunday we are celebrating Luke the evangelist so the readings are the ones assigned to the author of the book of Acts and the gospel that bears his name, so contributing about a quarter of the New Testament.

**First Reading *Isaiah 35: 3-6*:** Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

*If it is true that "without a vision the people perish" (proverbs 29:18) it is essential that God's messengers make God's certain salvation the centre of their message. Isaiah writes about a wonderful inspiring vision of salvation, the kind of inspiring vision that Luke emulates centuries later in his gospel.*

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 5-7.** As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

*A forlorn Paul sounds beleaguered. The one bright spot – humanly speaking – is that Luke has remained faithful and is with him, giving him support. Loyalty is a devotion or faithfulness to a person or concept or entity. Luke here is showing loyalty to Paul but both Paul and Luke are together loyal to the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 1-9.** 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."

*Luke writes of Jesus sending out evangelists to preach that "The Kingdom of God has come near". In Christian theology the content of the kingdom is co-terminus with Jesus Christ himself. Jesus instructs the missionaries to travel light, accept hospitality when it is offered and demonstrate the difference that the healing power of God can have when his reality is introduced to any situation. Some scholars believe that Luke himself was one of the seventy sent out.*

### **Luke the evangelist.**

He is mentioned three times in Paul's letters, Philemon 1:24, in today's extract from 2 Timothy and in Colossians 4:14 where Paul calls him "the beloved Physician". Hence, he is habitually associated with medicine. Possibly born in Antioch, he was certainly a travelling companion of St. Paul and he was with him in Rome near the end of Paul's ministry. Because in the book of Acts Luke talks about Paul in the third person until Paul reaches a place called Troas and then changes to "We" until Paul leaves, it has been deduced that Luke lived in Troas which is near Troy in present day Turkey. According to tradition Luke died at the age of 84 in Boeotia (Greece). By tradition St. Luke was also the first icon painter, a tradition common in Orthodoxy which has support from the St. Thomas Christian church in Kerala India which claims to possess one of his icons of Madonna and child.



Grow: Equipping God's People to Serve with Joy. Grow is a great new series of free taught online courses to enable lay people to grow in their service to God and the church. These sessions are perfect for anyone who wants to explore further how they can use their time and energy in a local context. This autumn there will be sessions running on Pastoral Care (4 evenings online), Leading Worship (5 evenings online), Small Group Leadership (2 evenings online) and Administration (2 evenings online)

The Prayer for Today is simple and joyful by someone called Byrhtnoth from the 10<sup>th</sup> century  
**O God, I thank thee for all the joy I have had in life.** Amen to that!



### St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	8.00
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Wednesday 21st October	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	8.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion – Mission Sunday	10.00

**NEWS FROM THE SHARLANDS.** David & Heather, along with the rest of Uganda were under very strict lockdown for the first month, but things are gradually being relaxed in the light of very few infections and deaths, although churches and schools, together with bars and discos remain closed, with a general night-time curfew. Heather finally obtained a permit to visit outlying areas, but sadly found many cases of malnutrition and child pregnancy. Fortunately good rains have arrived, enabling crops to grow again, with plenty of food in the markets. David's tree planting programme has been interrupted, but thanks to his plan of recruiting local tree wardens, local initiatives have flourished, and of course the rains are beneficial. They remain in good heart and praise God for what has been achieved in trying times. They ask for continued prayer and support. There will be a retiring collection for CMS in aid of the Sharlands after the 10 am Service on Mission Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> . Please be generous!



### All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	9.30
Wednesday 21st Oct.	Morning Prayer	10.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	9.30

### St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion Prayer	11.00
Thursday 21st October.	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	11.00



Many congratulations to Laura McAdam who was ordained at Exeter cathedral at the end of September, James and Andrea are very proud parents!

